

**The Interview at the End**  
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Imagine that your life has come to an end, and you are brought before the King. You sit opposite of Jesus and He asks you a simple question: why should I let you enter into heaven?

Such is picture painted in Matthew 7, where Jesus points to the narrow way and the last day. He tells us that on the last day, many who thought they were prepared will not be prepared. They will not have an answer that will permit them into the kingdom of heaven.

Imagine now that this process looks like a job interview. You desire to be part of the heavenly eternity. How would you come to this interview? What things would do to be prepared?

First, consider that we are told that if there are some we have not forgiven, we cannot enter into heaven. Jesus taught this in Matthew 6:9-15 when He said that our forgiveness of sin depends on forgiving others. Second, if we have sins that we have not confessed to Him, we are not forgiven. Finally, if we have the wrong priorities in life, we are not forgiven.

So how ought we to answer this important question? Ephesians 1:7-14 describes the path on which we enter into God's grace. We do so not of our own merit, but His. In other words, we prepare for this interview by the blood of Christ; we are baptized into Christ and put on Christ, and we present that Holy Name as our own at the interview. Thus we have our entry secured.