

FINISH THE TASK

Many people don't realize that the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven is mentioned over 118 times in the New Testament. Being born again is only mentioned once in the whole New Testament.

It was a private conversation with Nicodemus, probably in the middle of the night.

John chapter 3 is the only place it is mentioned.

Jesus told Nicodemus, that unless you are born again you cannot see the kingdom of God and unless you are born of the Spirit you cannot enter the kingdom of God.

In the only place that being born again is even mentioned in the scriptures, Jesus makes it very clear that the whole reason for being born again is to enter the kingdom of God.

Unlike the modern religious church, Jesus did not preach these things.

Pray this prayer so you can go to heaven when you die.

Get out of the bars and into church and attend all the meetings you can.

And make sure that you study your Bible and straighten up your sinful life.

Jesus preached, repent, the Kingdom of God is here. Repent of what?

Repent of the fallen nature that we inherited from Adam and Eve.

Why that? Because the life that you were actually created for is here now.

Jesus' perfect sacrifice is the only thing that makes this new life available to us now.

The Gospel is God's plan. It's supernatural - God is the only one who can do it and He did it before we even asked.

A well known Christian organization has estimated that nearly 2 out of 3 Americans claim to be born again.

Yet based on those statistics I wonder why is the church in America having so little effect on our country.

So, I would ask the question what are we really saved into?

Let's look at the scriptures. God's statements of reality. John 1.12 says,

But to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God — children born not of blood, nor of the natural desire and will of man, but they are born of God.

We are actually born into His family. I know that many people accept in theory the concept that we are all God's children, but they live their lives as they always have as sons and daughters of Adam and Eve separated from God.

When the reality is that the same thing that makes God, God, His supernatural nature, is the same thing that makes us His children

Everything we receive as His children is by inheritance. Because He made us His children, His heirs and joint heirs with Christ.

Modern religion has tried to make Jesus a special case and put Him in a class by Himself.

They say He healed the sick, raised the dead and cast out demons only because He was God.

They say that no one could ever expect to walk in the life that He demonstrated here on earth.

They also say, that we are only sinners saved by grace and Christians aren't perfect, they are only forgiven.

But even if He was a very special case and was the only who had these powers, Jesus' own words contradict these ideas.

In John 16.14 speaking of the Holy Spirit Jesus said,

He will glorify Me, for He will take of mine and reveal, declare, disclose and transmit it to you.

Everything that the Father has is mine. That is what I meant when I said that He will take of mine and give it to you. He said EVERYTHING

In John 14.12 He also said, Truly, truly, I say to you, (in other words, I really, really mean this) he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do

So, the obvious question is, how did He give natural men like us everything that He has in God?

Here is God's testimony about it. He has given us His eternal life. That life is in His Son. He who has the Son has that life.

1 John 5.11

The scripture says,

By His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption 1 Cor 1.30

and Romans 6 says that,

We have been buried with Christ through baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of His life.

So, consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in unbroken fellowship with Christ Jesus.

And present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God

God says that by His doing we have been crucified with Christ, buried, and raised from the dead with Christ. What are we resurrected into?

2 Cor 5.17 says

If anyone is in Christ, *he is* a totally new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come

What is this new creation?

1 Cor 15.45 states that

The first man Adam became a living soul, When God put all of us in Christ and He was crucified, Christ became the last Adam and was resurrected as a life-giving spirit, a completely new creation.

God's promise is that, just as we have been like the earthly man, we will also be like the heavenly man and become life-giving spirits like Christ.

2 Peter 1.2-4 says that God's divine power has given to us everything pertaining to His life and His godliness,

And that

He has given to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of His divine nature,

Why would God go to such lengths and offer His own Son to pay our penalty of death?

2 Corinthians 5.18 explains,

Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

We are now ambassadors of God's Kingdom so that God can call His children back into His family

In Matt 28.18 Jesus told His disciples that,

All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "You go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you.

This puzzled me for a long time.

He said All authority is mine, now you go?

The Holy Spirit showed me Jesus' complete confidence that His sacrifice has made us one with He and the Father and everything that He has is available to us to accomplish the task of gathering His children back into His family.

I know that some will say, I see that the scriptures do say that, but what makes me think that He will do that in my life?

Hebrews 6.17 states that God desired to show His heirs (that's us) the unchangeable nature of His purpose, so He gave an oath to guarantee His promise that by two unchangeable things, His promise and His oath, we would have strong encouragement to trust Him.

Because

Numbers 23.19 declares that God is not a man who can lie. Has He spoken and will He not do it? He has spoken and He will fulfill it in us.

Jesus said in Matt 24.14 that

This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

In closing, let me paraphrase and simplify Jesus' last instructions to His disciples. He said,

go and continue manifesting My Life and My Kingdom that I have given you, throughout this entire world

And go get My children back for Me.

It's what I created you for and why you are here on this planet.

The scriptures that I've shared with you show very plainly that this is God's plan from the very beginning.

The question is will we be a part of it?

He has given us the privilege to submit to His Holy Spirit and receive His supernatural empowerment to complete the task that He has given us.

God bless you.

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