

KINGDOM REALITIES #21-30

KINGDOM REALITY #21

But BY HIS DOING YOU ARE IN CHRIST JESUS, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, 1 Corinthians 1:30 NASB

DWELL IN ME, AND I WILL DWELL IN YOU, [Live in Me, and I will live in you.] Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me. I am the Vine; you are the branches. WHOEVER LIVES IN ME BEARS MUCH (abundant) FRUIT. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing. John 15:4

CHRIST'S LIFE IS REPRODUCED THROUGH THE BRANCH BECAUSE OF OUR ONENESS WITH HIM.

KINGDOM REALITY #22

For this is the covenant that I WILL make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I WILL imprint My laws upon their minds, even upon their innermost thoughts and understanding, and engrave them upon their hearts; and I WILL be their God, and they shall be My people. And it will nevermore be necessary for each one to teach his neighbor and his fellow citizen or each one his brother, saying, KNOW (perceive, have knowledge of, and GET ACQUAINTED BY EXPERIENCE WITH) THE LORD, for all will KNOW ME, from the smallest to the greatest of them. Hebrews 8:10

THE OPERATIVE WORDS IN THIS COVENANT ARE, "I WILL", "I WILL", AND "I WILL".

KINGDOM REALITY #23

[For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that HE MAY GRANT YOU A SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, SO THAT YOU CAN KNOW AND UNDERSTAND the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones), And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength, Ephesians 1:17

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WISDOM AND REVELATION ALLOW US TO KNOW THE HOPE, THE RICHNESS AND THE POWER OF GOD'S INHERITANCE IN US AND FOR US.

KINGDOM REALITY #24.

But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, HE GAVE THE AUTHORITY (power, PRIVILEGE, right) TO BECOME THE CHILDREN OF GOD, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name, Who owe their birth neither to bloods nor to the will of the flesh [that of physical impulse] nor to the will of man [that of a natural father], but to God. [THEY ARE BORN OF GOD!] John 1:12

The Holy Spirit was NOT sent to help us scratch out an existence living under the curse. (Gen 3.17-19)

He was sent to enable us to possess our inheritance and express the reality of it. (John 16.14+15)

KINGDOM REALITY #25

Many of us Christians have struggled for years to change our attitudes, actions, and behaviors to be more like Jesus. We've prayed for years and asked God to change us.

Here is God's plan for our transformation.

STRIP YOURSELVES OF YOUR FORMER NATURE [put off and discard your old un-renewed self] which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion; And BE CONSTANTLY RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude], And PUT ON THE NEW NATURE (the regenerate self) CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE, [Godlike] in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22

GOD'S PLAN WAS NOT TO REPAIR OUR OLD NATURE, BUT TO CRUCIFY IT AND GIVE US HIS NATURE.

KINGDOM REALITY #26

Jesus said, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. John 16:7 AMP

Because, if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, Standby) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I WILL SEND HIM TO YOU [to be in close fellowship with you]. John 16:7 AMP

But when He, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL THE TRUTH (the whole, full Truth). John 16:13 AMP

Jesus said to him, I AM THE WAY and I AM THE TRUTH and I AM THE LIFE John 14:6 AMP

For HIS DIVINE POWER HAS BESTOWED UPON US ALL THINGS that [are requisite and suited] to LIFE and godliness, THROUGH THE [FULL, PERSONAL] KNOWLEDGE OF HIM Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue). By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), AND BECOME SHARERS (PARTAKERS) OF THE DIVINE NATURE. 2 Peter 1:3

The Father has allowed us to be born of His nature into His family with all rights and privileges as His children. His Divine promises allow us to manifest His eternal life in this world.

KINGDOM REALITY #27

Another Kingdom Reality.

Now THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (emancipation from bondage, freedom). [Isa. 61:1, 2.]

And ALL OF US, as with unveiled face, [because we] CONTINUE TO BEHOLD [in the Word of God] AS IN A MIRROR the glory of the Lord, ARE CONSTANTLY BEING TRANSFIGURED INTO HIS VERY OWN IMAGE in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [FOR THIS COMES] FROM THE LORD [WHO IS] THE SPIRIT. 2 Corinthians 3:17

It's exposure to the Holy Spirit that brings the transformation. Spend as much time as possible with HIM.

KINGDOM REALITY #28

God open our understanding of Kingdom Reality.

IN THE BEGINNING [before all-time] WAS THE WORD (CHRIST), and the Word was with God, and THE WORD WAS GOD HIMSELF. [Isa. 9:6.]

HE was present originally with God. All things were made and came into existence through HIM; and without HIM was not even one thing made that has come into being. IN HIM WAS LIFE, and the Life was the Light of men. John 1:1

When you receive God's Word you aren't receiving religious teaching. You are actually receiving God Himself. You are receiving statements of reality from the Only One in the universe Who can make them OUR REALITY!

KINGDOM REALITY #29

Read Matthew 8.5-13.

It's the familiar story of the centurion whose servant was paralyzed.

When Jesus offered to "come and heal him" the centurion said, "I'm unworthy for you to come under my roof" "JUST

SAY THE WORD" and my servant will be healed. His servant was healed immediately.

This man recognized that Jesus had God's authority. He humbled himself and GAVE THE WORD AUTHORITY over his thoughts, his feelings and his circumstances. Jesus marveled and said he'd not seen such great faith.

We often read the WORD and say, "yes, but I think... or I feel... or my circumstances are thus and so" and act on what our senses are telling us. We often fail to see THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD work in our lives.

This centurion was even saved! It's a shame that this kind of faith is also rare in our modern day.

Especially since Peter said that WE'VE RECEIVED THE SAME KIND OF FAITH THAT HE HAD by the righteousness of Christ.

2 peter 1.1

God's words aren't suggestions for us to weigh and analyze with our senses until we decide if we'll act on them or not.

They are STATEMENTS OF REALITY FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE that we can trust over our sense knowledge.

We can act on God's word "being fully convinced" that God can keep His promises. Rom 4.20+21

KINGDOM REALITY #30

Another Kingdom Reality.

Fact: Through Adam's disobedience Satan usurped man's God given authority over the earth. (Gen 1.26)

And the devil said to Him, "I WILL GIVE YOU ALL THIS REALM and its glory [its power, its renown]; BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN HANDED OVER TO ME, and I give it to whomever I wish. LUKE 4:6 AMP

From that time on Jesus began to preach and say, "REPENT, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:17 NASB

Note what HE DID NOT SAY:

You thieves quit stealing, you murderers quit killing, you alcoholics quit drinking etc. etc.

Everyone got the same word - REPENT.

Publicans, priests, and prostitutes all got the same word?

What were they to repent of? Their natural lives under the curse and control of Satan.

Because "THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WAS HERE".

Their lives were the product of the fall. Jesus was saying, "what they were originally created for was here. Repent (reject the mind set on their senses) and receive the life they were created for - ETERNAL LIFE - HIS LIFE.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Matthew 16:25 NASB

Although this isn't fashionable in much of our modern preaching, the Gospel of the Kingdom has never changed.