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KINGDOM REALITY #61

IN CHRIST is where we experience our Kingdom Realities.

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

This scripture DOES NOT SAY.

- * I will help you be more righteous.
- * I will give you a Bible so you can study and learn about righteousness.
- * I will give you my righteousness.

He said, "I will BE your righteousness".

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, SO THAT WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM. 2 Corinthians 5:21 NASB

And although you at one time were estranged and alienated from Him and were of hostile attitude of mind in your wicked activities, YET NOW HAS [CHRIST, the Messiah] RECONCILED [YOU TO GOD] in the body of His flesh through death, IN ORDER TO PRESENT YOU HOLY AND FAULTLESS AND IRREPROACHABLE IN HIS [the Father's] PRESENCE. [And THIS HE WILL DO] PROVIDED THAT YOU CONTINUE TO STAY with and in the faith [IN CHRIST], well-grounded and settled and steadfast..... Colossians 1:21

AS YOU HAVE RECEIVED CHRIST, JESUS THE LORD, SO WALK IN HIM, (regulate your lives and conduct yourselves) in union with and conformity to Him. Have the roots [of your being] firmly and deeply planted [in Him, fixed and founded in Him], being continually built up in Him, becoming increasingly more confirmed and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and abounding and overflowing in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 2:6

Our righteousness is not our religious performance. Our righteousness is a person – Christ the Messiah.

KINGDOM REALITY #62

More Kingdom Realities.

CHRIST IS OUR SANCTIFICATION according to 1 Cor. 1.30.

Sanctification in the original Greek is hagiazō: to make holy, set apart as holy.

So by virtue of our being IN CHRIST, WE ARE HOLY, because HE IS OUR HOLINESS.

This contradicts the popular ideas that we are sinners and always will be and that Christians aren't perfect, just forgiven.

....like the Holy One who called you, BE HOLY YOURSELVES also in all your behavior; because it is written, " YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY." 1 Peter 1:15

KINGDOM REALITY #63

How about another Kingdom Reality?

According to 1 Cor 1.30 Christ has also become our redemption.

To redeem in the original Greek is the word lutroō. It means "the release of a captive by paying the full ransom." In Christian circles we often talk about being saved and confess that because of Jesus' death on the cross we are redeemed.

My question today is, "what are we redeemed from?" Most would say judgement or hell. Look closely at the following scriptures.

You must know (recognize) that YOU WERE REDEEMED (ransomed) FROM THE USELESS (fruitless) WAY OF LIVING INHERITED by tradition FROM YOUR FOREFATHERS, not with corruptible things [such as] silver and gold, but [you were purchased] with the precious blood of Christ (the Messiah), like that of a [sacrificial] lamb without blemish or spot.
1 Peter 1:18

KINGDOM REALITY #64

Are you up for more Kingdom Realities?

What is often presented as the Gospel is praying the sinners' prayer so we can go to heaven someday. We also need to attend church meetings, and try our best not to sin anymore and when we do, ask God to forgive us.

THE GOSPEL IS SO MUCH MORE!

GOD WILLED TO MAKE KNOWN what is THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF THIS MYSTERY among the Gentiles, WHICH IS CHRIST IN YOU, the hope of glory. WE PROCLAIM HIM, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so THAT WE MAY PRESENT EVERY MAN COMPLETE IN CHRIST. Colossians 1:27

We become God's new creations and our old sin nature is no longer an issue.

IN HIM YOU WERE CIRCUMCISED with a circumcision made without hands, IN THE REMOVAL OF THE BODY OF THE FLESH by the circumcision of Christ; HAVING BEEN BURIED WITH HIM in baptism, in which YOU WERE RAISED UP WITH HIM THROUGH FAITH IN THE WORKING OF GOD, who raised Him from the dead. Colossians 2:11

KINGDOM REALITY #65

More Kingdom Realities.

God has made a total commitment of Himself to us, His children.

When you read through the New Testament you will notice that every provision that He has made for us is IN CHRIST. Over 140 times He states some of those provisions for us as IN CHRIST, IN HIM or WITH HIM.

Examples:

And MY GOD WILL SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEEDS according to His riches in glory IN CHRIST JESUS. Phil 4:19 NASB

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, WHO HAS BLESSED US WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL (given by the Holy Spirit) BLESSING in the heavenly places IN CHRIST..... Ephesians 1:3 NASB

But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth (Greek - althea - reality)

He will honor and glorify Me, because He will take of (receive, draw upon) what is Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you. EVERYTHING THAT THE FATHER HAS IS MINE. That is what I meant when I said that HE [the Spirit] WILL TAKE THE THINGS THAT ARE MINE AND WILL (DECLARE, DISCLOSE, TRANSMIT) THEM TO YOU.

John 16:13

God put us in Christ by His doing. He wants us to stay there, live there, and possess His eternal life in abundance.

KINGDOM REALITY #66

God designed Kingdom Realities to displace false perceptions.

Over the years Satan has tried to reduce the Gospel to a set of teachings, words to live by, or even a self-help manual. IT'S ACTUALLY A BLOOD COVENANT!

In the movies we've seen the cowboys and Indians become "blood brothers" by "cutting" a covenant and mingling their blood. This is one of the oldest forms of agreement between men, although it isn't used much today.

What this covenant essentially means is that everything that one is and everything that one has is available to the other.

They are bound forever by this covenant. There is also a curse for breaking the covenant.

GOD IS A COVENANT GOD.

He made a covenant with Abram and his descendants.

The incredible blessings of the God's covenant; See Deut. 28.1-15.

The awful curses for breaking it. See Deut.28.15-68

GOD WAS COMMITTED TO THIS COVENANT EVEN THOUGH THE ISRAELITES BROKE IT. He made provision to restore them knowing they would fail. See Deut. 31.16-22

God bound Himself to perform this covenant to guarantee to people that **HE HAS COMMITTED EVERYTHING HE IS AND EVERYTHING HE HAS TO THEM.**

THE COVENANT LOVE OF GOD IS BEYOND DESCRIPTION!

THANK YOU DADDY!

KINGDOM REALITY #67

Kingdom Realities are Covenant Promises.

In ancient times if a conquering king took over another kingdom, instead of killing the defeated king and his family, they would often offer to cut a covenant with them.

How it worked;

They would cut animals in two pieces and to ratify the covenant the defeated king would walk through the pieces. This gesture meant that the conquering king could cut him in pieces if he ever broke the covenant and out of disloyalty tried to overthrow or challenge the conquering king.

In Genesis 15 God cuts a covenant with Abraham.

God has Abraham cut the animals in two pieces to confirm the covenant. The difference is that God has His Fire pass through the pieces to ratify the covenant.

When the sun had gone down and a [thick] darkness had come on, behold, a smoking oven and a flaming torch passed between those pieces. On the same day the Lord made a covenant (promise, pledge) with Abram....

Genesis 15:17

This is why Abraham was "fully convinced" that God would keep His promise to him.

No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God, **FULLY SATISFIED AND ASSURED THAT GOD WAS ABLE AND MIGHTY TO KEEP HIS WORD AND TO DO WHAT HE HAD PROMISED.**

Romans 4:20

KINGDOM REALITY #68

More Kingdom Realities.

Blood covenants require the total commitment of everything each party is and has.

God made an "everlasting covenant" with Abraham. As part of that covenant He promised him a son and promised an "everlasting covenant" with Isaac and his descendants. Gen 17. 7+19.

Abraham waited 25 years for Isaac to be born. When he was a young boy God ask Abraham to sacrifice him to God on

Mount Moriah. Gen 22

The scripture says that "he arose early, gathered and split the wood, saddled his donkey and went to the place which God told him". When he got to Mount Moriah he left his servants and said, "the boy and I will "worship" and return to you".

You all know the conclusion of the story. God provided a ram for the sacrifice and "swore by Himself" that "all the nations would be blessed in His Seed", that the Messiah would come from his descendants.

This incident is the first time the word "worship" is used in the Bible. Worship has nothing to do with singing, that's praise. Worship is the complete giving of ourselves to God in response to His covenant love.

The Father doesn't want us to come and sing to Him every Sunday. He wants us to be completely committed to Him in an everlasting covenant relationship.

KINGDOM REALITY #69

Kingdom Realities aren't always obvious to our senses. They require revelation from the Holy Spirit to grasp their reality.

Another way the "blood covenant" was ratified was that the two men gave each other a gift, then made an incision in their skin and dripped a few drops of their blood in a cup of wine. It was then stirred and each man drank half of the cup, binding themselves to each other forever by covenant.

On the night Jesus was betrayed He told His disciples that He strongly desired to share the bread and wine, the covenant meal with them. He wanted to establish His eternal covenant with them and commit everything He had and everything He was to them. By drinking the wine and eating the bread they entered into covenant relationship with Him.

I'm sure that it was terribly confusing to them that about a day and a half later Jesus was crucified and buried. They didn't understand how Jesus could commit Himself forever to them and then be killed even though He told them before it happened.

However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. 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]. He will honor and glorify Me, because He will take of (receive, draw upon) what is Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you. Everything that the Father has is Mine. That is what I meant when I said that He [the Spirit] will take the things that are Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.

John 16:7

KINGDOM REALITY #70

Kingdom Realities are created by God and are designed to accomplish God's purposes. From the very beginning God wanted to communicate with man.

After Adam and Eve were deceived by Satan and left the garden God spoke to men. These occasions were sporadic with long intervals in between. Noah, Enoch, and Abraham are good examples.

After God delivered the Israelites from Egyptian slavery He wanted to re-establish an intimate fellowship with them. They refused. (Deut 5.22-33) So He gave them the law, the sacrifices, and the feasts and dwelt in their midst in the temple. All of this pointed to the coming of the Messiah who would restore the broken fellowship with God.

Jesus' death and resurrection was the perfect sacrifice and restored fellowship by making us members of His family.

When Mary met Him after the resurrection;

Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to MY BRETHREN and say to

them, 'I ASCEND TO MY FATHER AND YOUR FATHER, AND MY GOD AND YOUR GOD.' John 20:17

By one perfect sacrifice God created for us eternal redemption, eternal inheritance, sanctification, and eternal perfection.
(Heb. 9.12+15, Heb. 10.10+14)

The rest of God's plan is to use His children to bring all of creation back to oneness with the Father. (2 Cor. 5.17-20)