

# Kingdom Principles



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## A. The Kingdom of God



An Illustration of the Kingdom of God, here on earth, would be the United States Embassy in a foreign land. The Embassy is considered a piece of America, governed by America in a different country. At this present time; God's Kingdom here on earth is a spiritual one; where he reigns in the hearts and lives of those that have accepted his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and are submitting to his Lordship.

As Christians, we can be likened to the U.S. Embassy: we are governed by God, but we live in a world that as a whole, is in spiritual darkness; where Satan still rules in the hearts and lives of unbelievers. The good news is that Jesus Christ made it possible to escape from Satan's grasp and to enter the Kingdom of God, by translation at the new birth. As Ambassadors, this is the message that we proclaim to the citizens of this lost world. While on earth, Jesus Christ exercised the authority of God's Kingdom, as can be seen in the casting out of demons, healing the sick, raising the dead and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom.

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### 1. The Kingdom Preached

MATTHEW 3:1-2 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

2. And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

MATTHEW 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

### 2. The Kingdom has come

MATTHEW 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

### 3. The Kingdom within you

LUKE 17:21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

#### **4. Kingdom Characteristics**

ROMANS 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

#### **5. The beginning of Satan's end**

JOHN 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

JOHN 16:11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

#### **6. Some Mysteries of the Kingdom**

MATTHEW 13:11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

\* Many of the Mysteries that were hidden in the scriptures, have been divinely revealed with the first coming of Jesus Christ, such as....

1. The mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven, in parables. ( Matthew 13:3-50 )
2. The mystery of Israel's blindness. ( Romans ch.11 )
3. The mystery of the church, as one body, composed of Jews and Gentiles ( Ephesians 3:1-12, 6:19 Colossians 4:3 )
4. The mystery of the church, as the bride of Christ. ( Ephesians 5:21-32 )
5. The mystery of the divinity of Jesus Christ. ( John 1:1-3, vs.14 )
6. The mystery of the translation of the church. ( 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 )
7. The mystery of the first coming of Christ, one of suffering. ( 1 Peter 1:11, Mark 8:31, Isaiah 53:3 )
8. The mystery of the 2nd. coming of Christ. ( Revelation 1:7, 19:11, vs.12-16 )



# 1. The King



Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the promise that God gave to king David; that from David's own body, God would raise up a king; whose throne and rule would be forever ( 2 Samuel 7:8-17 ). This promise will be fulfilled at the second coming of the Lord Jesus. The establishing of the kingdom, by the King, can be viewed in three stages.

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1. The King came and announced the kingdom but was rejected. ( Matthew 21:42-43 )
2. The King declares the spiritual kingdom within us by his indwelling presence. ( Luke 17:21, John 14:21-23 )
3. The King, at his 2nd. coming, will restore the Davidic Monarchy in himself, re-gather the nation of Israel and rule the whole earth for 1000 years. ( Matthew 24:27-30, Acts 15:14-17, Revelation 20:1-10 )

## **A. The King Foretold**

2 SAMUEL 7:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

ISAIAH 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

## **B. The King's birth Announced**

LUKE 1:30-33 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

31. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.

32. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

LUKE 2:8-11 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

### **C. The Kings Genealogy**

MATTHEW 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham... ( Luke 3:23-38 )

### **D. The Kings Fulfillment of Prophecies**

MICAH 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

ISAIAH 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

JEREMIAH 31:15 Thus saith the Lord; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.

ZECHARIAH 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

\* Compare: Genesis 3:15 with Galatians 4:4, Hosea 11:1 with Matthew 2:14-15, Malachi 3:1 with Luke 7:24-27, Psalms 2:7 with Matthew 3:17, Psalms 41:9 with Luke 22:47-48, Zechariah 11:12 with Matthew 26:15, Isaiah 50:6 with Matthew 26:67, Psalms 22:7 with Luke 23:35, Psalms 22:17 with Matthew 27:35-36, Psalms 69:21 with Matthew 27:34, Psalms 34:20 with John 19: 32-36, Psalms 16:10 and 49:15 with Mark 16:6-7

## **E. The King's Ministry**

LUKE 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

MATTHEW 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

MARK 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

LUKE 4:18-19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

ACTS 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

HEBREWS 2:14-15 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

15. And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

## **F. The King's Rejection**

### 1. His Home Town

Mark 6:3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

Luke 4:28-29 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

29. And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

## 2. Priests and Rulers

LUKE 23:18 And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas:

## 3. The Jewish Nation

JOHN 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

## **G. The King's Death**

MARK 15:24-26 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.

25. And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

26. And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

MARK 15:45-46 And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

46. And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.

## **H. The King's Resurrection**

MATTHEW 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

ACTS 3:15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

ACTS 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

PSALMS 16:10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

## **I. The Kings Ascension**

MARK 16:19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

ACTS 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

HEBREWS 9:2 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

## **J. The Kings Return**

ACTS 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

LUKE 21:27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

MATTHEW 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

REVELATION 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

REVELATION 19:11-14 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.



## 2. The King's Authority



\* Jesus Christ has been seated at the right hand of God the Father and given all authority over all powers and principalities, in heaven and in earth. He is Lord and is Head of the church.

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MATTHEW 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

REVELATION 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

HEBREWS 2:14-15 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

15. And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

1 PETER 3:22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

COLOSSIANS 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

EPHESIANS 1:21-23 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22. And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23. Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11. And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## B. The Present Kingdom



The present Kingdom of God, here on earth; cannot be seen nor felt, because it is Spiritual and in Mystery form, in the hearts and lives of believers. What can, be seen and felt, is the change in people and their lives, when the principles of God's Kingdom are practiced.

This section of this study course is made up of the following:

1. Entrance into the Kingdom
2. The People of the Kingdom
3. The Principles of the Kingdom

# 1. Entrance into the Kingdom



## A. By the New Birth

JOHN 3:3-5 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

For God to reign in the heart of man, a change must take place in man's heart. The change takes place when a person hears the gospel, repents of their sins and accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior. It's not turning over a new leaf, doing good works, going to church, or any such thing: man is lost in sin; his heart ( spirit ) is corrupt in nature and therefore he cannot save himself, by his own efforts. The good news is that God sent his Son Jesus Christ, to save us.

EZEKIEL 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

TITUS 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

1 CORINTHIANS 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

## B. By Translation

COLOSSIANS 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

\* Upon receiving Christ into our hearts and lives, we are translated into the Kingdom of God; Jesus Christ is the head of the church and we are citizens of his Kingdom.



## 2. The People of God's Kingdom



The spiritual Kingdom of God here on earth consists of the universal church, called the body of Christ, which is made up of all born again believers, from all over the world. We are the family of God, his children by faith in Jesus Christ, called sons and daughters, joint-heirs with Jesus Christ.

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### A. His Children

ROMANS 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

GALATIANS 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

GALATIANS 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

PHILIPPIANS 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

1 JOHN 3:1-2 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:17-18 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

18. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

## **B. Heirs of God**

ROMANS 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

GALATIANS 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

TITUS 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

1 PETER 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

## **C. Blessed**

EPHESIANS 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

It's never wrong to speak about yourself, in light of God's word; but just saying what God's word says, doesn't necessarily bring the blessing into a Christians life. There are certain principles that must be in operation, such as prayer, faith, and love, to name a few.

The Bible says to seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you ( Matthew 6:33 ). The things of God must be first, in ones life. The blessings are in Christ, in other words; everything that God did and accomplish in Jesus Christ was for our benefit.

### **a. Some of the blessings in the book of Ephesians**

1. Adoption as children 1:5
2. Accepted in the beloved 1:6
3. Redemption through his blood 1:7
4. Sealed with the Holy Ghost 1:13
5. Seated in heavenly places 2:6
6. By grace we are saved through faith 2:8-9
7. Brought close to God by the blood of Jesus Christ 2:13
8. One family in Christ 2:15-19
9. Un-searchable riches of Christ 3:8
10. Armor of God 6:11-18

b. Delivered from the fear of Death

HEBREWS 2:14-15 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;  
15. And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

c. At death, Christians go to Heaven

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-2, 6-8 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.  
2. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:  
6. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:  
7. (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)  
8. We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

PHILIPPIANS 1:21-22 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.  
22. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.  
23. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:  
24. Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.

LUKE 23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

d. The Resurrection of our Bodies

1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-53 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,  
52. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.  
53. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:16. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ( see 4:13-18 )

### 3. Principles of the Kingdom



\* In this section of this study course, we will look at some of the principles ( spiritual laws ) that the Kingdom of God operates by.

1. LOVE
2. FAITH
3. FORGIVING
4. JUDGING
5. PRAYER
6. GIVING
7. POWER



# 1. LOVE



## A. Love is the greatest Commandment

MATTHEW 22:37-39 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38. This is the first and great commandment.

39. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

### 1. Loving God

John 14:15, 21, 24 Vs.15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

21. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

24. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

### 2. Loving People

John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

1 John 3:11, 14, 16-18 Vs.11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

14. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

16. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18. My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

### 3. Love your Enemies

Matthew 5:44-46 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45. That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

Proverbs 25:21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:

### 4. The Excellence of Love

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

5. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

6. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

7. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. (NIV)

### 5. Love is the Royal Law

Romans 13:8-10 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

9. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

10. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

### 6. God gave us his Love

Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.



## 2. FAITH



As a child of God and a citizen of his Kingdom; the Lord teaches us not to worry about the things of this life, but to trust in God; who as our Father will meet our need, as we seek him and his Kingdom ( Matthew 6:33-34 ). This involves the subject of faith, which has many facets to it.

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### A. Faith as trusting in Jesus for Salvation

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9. Not of works, lest any man should boast.

### B. By faith in Jesus we are Justified

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

### C. By faith in Jesus, His righteousness is ours

Romans 3:21-22 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

22. Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Romans 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Phiippians 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

#### **D. Faith comes by hearing God's word**

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

#### **E. A definition of faith**

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

#### **F. Living by faith, a way of life**

Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

#### **G. Faith pleases God**

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

#### **H. Walk by faith**

2 Corinthians 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

#### **I. Two types of faith contrasted**

##### 1. Abraham's faith

Romans 4:17-20 Vs.20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

##### 2. Thomas's faith

John 20:24-29 Vs.29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

### 3. FORGIVING



#### A. God's forgiveness for Salvation

##### 1. Based on the blood of Christ

Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

##### 2. Based on man's Repentance

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

##### 3. Based on faith in Christ

Acts 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

#### B. God's forgiveness of a Christian's sins

##### 1. Based on confessing our sins

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

##### 2. Based on our Advocate, Jesus Christ

1 John 2:1-2 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2. And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

### 3. Based on our forgiving others

Matthew 6:14-15 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

## C. Forgiving Others

### 1. How Often?

Luke 17:3-4 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

4. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

Matthew 18: 21-35 Vs.21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

22. Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Colossians 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

## D. Examples of Forgiving

### 1. Jesus forgiving his Tormenters

Luke 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

### 2. Steven asking God to forgive his Murderers

Acts 7:59-60 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.



## 4. JUDGING



### **The Principle of:**

MATTHEW 7:1-3 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

2. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

3. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

The judgment Jesus is talking about in the above scripture, is one that comes from a self-righteous attitude, this kind of judgment only tears down, it never builds up. Christians are not to pass an unrighteous judgment, based on outward appearances. From time to time, the leaders in the church may have to discipline a member, based on a righteous judgment, for the good of the church.

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### **1. Outward Appearances**

\* In 1 Samuel ch.16, Samuel is sent to the household of Jesse, to anoint the next king of Israel; when Samuel sees Eliab, he thinks surely this must be God's choice, based on Eliab's appearance but God says in Vs.7 "look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as a man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart".

### **2. Righteous Judgment within the Church**

1 CORINTHIANS 5:3-5 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed,

4. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

5. To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1 CORINTHIANS 6: 1-4 Vs.2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

### 3. Unrighteous Judgment

ROMANS 14:13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

### 4. The Example of Jesus

JOHN 8:3-11 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

4. They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

6. This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

7. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

8. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11. She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

HOSEA 6:6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

## 5. PRAYER



### The Principle of:

JAMES 5:16....The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

### 1. For Answered Prayer

1 JOHN 5:14-15 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15. And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

1 JOHN 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

JOHN 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

JOHN 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

MARK 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

2 CHRONICLES 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

### 2. Some Answered Prayers

of Moses Exodus 15:24-25

of Hannah 1 Samuel 1:27

of Solomon 1 Kings 9:3

of Elijah 1 Kings 18:37-38

of Jehoshaphat 2 Chronicles

### 3. Prayer of Agreement

MATTHEW 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

ACTS 4:24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

### 4. Intercessory Prayer

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-21 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;  
2. For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Examples of Intercession

Abraham of Sodom, for Lot's sake - Genesis ch.18

Moses for Israel - Exodus 32:32 Numbers 14:17 Deuteronomy 9:26

Samuel for Israel - 1 Samuel 7:5

David for Israel - 1 Chronicles 21:17

### 5. Hindrances to Prayer

1 PETER 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

JAMES 1:6-7 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

JAMES 4:2-3 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

3. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

## 6. GIVING



### **The Principle of:**

LUKE 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you

\* Giving is an attitude of the heart, that is willing to give not only material possessions but ones very life for the purpose and cause of the Lord Jesus.

### **1. The Promise of the Lord**

MATTHEW 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

### **2. Giving to the Poor**

PROVERBS 11:25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

PROVERBS 22:9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

PROVERBS 28:27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

### **3. Giving to the Christian Brethren**

2 CORINTHIANS 8:14-15 But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality:

15. As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.

ACTS 4:34-35 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

35. And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

#### **4. Giving to God**

PROVERBS 3:9-10 Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

10. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

MALACHI3:10-11 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.

#### **5. Giving without Show**

MATTHEW 6:3-4 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

4. That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

ROMANS 12:8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

#### **6. General Scriptures Concerning Giving**

MATTHEW 5:42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

## **7. Warnings about Greed**

1 TIMOTHY 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

LUKE 12:33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

Matthew 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

### **Parable of the rich man**

Luke 12:15-21 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17. And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18. And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, [and] be merry.

20. But God said unto him, [Thou] fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21. So [is] he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

## C. The Future Kingdom



The future Kingdom of God will begin with the return of the King himself; His Royal Majesty, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord will return in great glory and power and will establish his rule from the throne of David, over all the nations of the earth. His reign will last for 1000 years; which at the end, he will turn it over to God the Father.

### 1. His Glorious Return

REVELATION 19:11-16 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

MATTHEW 24:30-31 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

## **2. An Order of Events at His Return**

- A. Translation ( Rapture ) of all God's people to meet the Lord in the air. ( 1 Corinthians 15:51-53 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 )
- B. Judgment seat of Christ, for the church. ( 2 Corinthians 15:10, 1 Corinthians 3:11-15, 2 Timothy 4:8 )
- C. Armageddon ( Christ defeats the anti-christ, false prophet and their armies. Zechariah 12:1-9, Revelation 19:17-21 )
- D. Satan bound for 1000 years ( Revelation 20:1-3 )
- E. Israel's Conversion ( Zechariah 12:10-14 14:4-8 )
- F. The judgment of the nations, as to how they treated the Jews ( Zechariah 14:1-9 Matthew 25:31-46 )
- G. The 1000 year reign of Jesus Christ ( Revelation 20:4-6 )
- H. At the end of the 1000 year reign of Christ
  - 1. Satan's revolt and final doom ( Revelation 20:7-10 )
  - 2. The Great White Throne Judgment ( Revelation 20:11-15 )
  - 3. Fire of God purges Heaven and Earth for the Eternal Kingdom ( 2 Peter 3:10-12 )
  - 4. New Heavens and New Earth ( 2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21:1 )

## **3. His Throne and Reign**

### A. His Throne

LUKE 1:31-33 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.

32. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

ACTS 2:25-35 Vs.30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

## B. His Reign

REVELATION 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

ISAIAH 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

( See Isaiah 11:1-10 )

JEREMIAH 23:5 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

### **4. Christ delivers the Rule to God the Father**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

### **5. God Purges Heaven and Earth**

2 PETER 3:10-12 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12. Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

### **6. New Heaven and New Earth**

REVELATION 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

### **7. The Holy City new Jerusalem**

REVELATION 21:2, 9-27 Vs.2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

## 8. The Tree of Life

REVELATION 22:1-5 Vs.2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.



Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Revelation 22:12 And behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

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