

FIRST SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

Saints, we are called to establish the *kingdom of God* on the earth as it is in heaven and allow Jesus (Yeshua) to “rule” and “reign” in and through us.

We are admonished by Jesus in Matthew 6:33, to first seek the “kingdom” of God and His “righteousness” above all else, and then He says, “...*and all these things shall be added to you.*” (NKJV)(emphasis added).

Do you know why we must first seek the “kingdom” of God and His “righteousness?”

It is because this is the only way we will find out what God’s purpose is for creating us. He has a unique assignment and destiny for every person He ever “formed” in their mother’s womb He “predestined” us for before one of our days on the earth ever came to be.

Only by us seeking God’s face and heart will we understand what His good, perfect, and pleasing will is for us while we are still living on the earth so we can fulfill our God-given destiny.

Then like Jesus, after we are done with our earthly assignment, and we have died a physical death, we will then be glorified like Jesus was at the first resurrection of the dead in Christ.

Only after the first resurrection takes place, is “when” we will enter the kingdom of heaven, and hear the seven most important words ever spoken by Jesus based on Matthew 25:21, which is this: “*Well done my good and faithful servant!*” (NKJV)

Yet Jesus is not finished with this statement. He immediately qualifies this “conditional” statement of “what” makes us a good and faithful servant when He says to us, “... *you were FAITHFUL over a few THINGS, I will make you RULER over many THINGS. Enter into the joy of your lord.*” (NKJV) (emphasis added).

So, the significance of this statement made by Jesus is this: If we do not “rule” and “reign” with Him on the earth as it is in heaven over a few things now by first seeking the “kingdom” of God and His “righteousness” above all else, then you can rest assured He will not make you a ruler over many things later after this earth passes away and you pass away!

Unfortunately, for the most part, the body of Christ has totally missed one of our main “kingdom” mandates from our heavenly Father, which is this: We are to establish His kingdom, His righteousness, His justice, and His judgments, which are based on His laws, His ordinances, His statutes, His precepts, and His principles, which are based on His “eternal” Word.

God’s Ekklēsia is to “establish” and “execute” His government on the earth as it is in heaven. This is the gospel of the kingdom!

We have not been taught (discipled) we are to “rule” and “reign” with Jesus on the earth now in order to establish His “kingdom” “rule” and “reign” on the earth as it is in heaven.

This is why the body of Christ, for the most part, is no longer the “salt” and “light” in our society, and the world, we are called to be.

However, we are called to establish God's kingdom "rule" and "reign" on the earth while we are still living on the earth. This is the job description and God-given mandate of every “born again” blood-bought disciple of Jesus Christ no matter what our vocation happens to be.

In fact, this is one of the reasons why Jesus specifically asked our heavenly Father in John 17:13-19 to not take us OUT of this world! And, we are not going anywhere until ALL things are accomplished for His glory and His purposes. We are to establish His Kingdom on the earth as it is in heaven while we are STILL living on the earth—this is our testing ground! Otherwise, the moment we became saved He would take us out of here.

Yet we are left here on the earth. Why are we left on earth? We are called to establish His Kingdom which is based on God's law, His righteousness, His justice, and His judgments.

Jesus, who is the author of "eternal" salvation to those who "obey" Him, says to us in John 17:13-19, the following:

“But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I HAVE GIVEN THEM YOUR WORD; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do NOT pray that You should take them OUT of the WORLD, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. SANCTIFY THEM BY YOUR TRUTH. YOUR WORD IS TRUTH. As You sent Me into the world, I

also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes, I SANCTIFY MYSELF, that they also may be SANCTIFIED by the TRUTH.” (John 17:13-19, NKJV) (emphasis added).

Do not dismiss this substantial truth according to what Jesus says in John 17:13-19 which is this: First, Jesus says He has given us whose Word? His heavenly Father's Word. This is based on John 7:16 where Jesus says, *"My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me."*

Thus, we become “sanctified” by His heavenly Father’s truth which we have heard from the beginning after we have become "justified" (saved) by grace through faith in His only begotten, Son, Jesus Christ.

However, since our salvation is a life-long process, we become “sanctified” by the blood of the Lamb when we “walk” according to His Father’s truth (the full volume of Moses) and the gospel Jesus preached when He came to “bear witness” to the truth of His Father’s Word.

This is why Jesus says He sanctified Himself so we may be sanctified by the truth. Jesus never said or did ANYTHING unless He heard it from His Father according to His instructions written in the Torah. His heavenly Father's commandments came from Him (the Word) before He was sent to the earth as the Son of Man in the Person of Jesus Christ to do the will of His Father. And, then Jesus tells us His heavenly Father’s Word (instructions) written in the Torah is the truth.

WAKE UP SLEEPING GIANT! May we all be found faithful doing the will of our heavenly Father as Jesus did! Because only those who do the will of our heavenly Father will enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 7:21). This is based on what Jesus says to us in Matthew 7:21-23 below:

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall ENTER the KINGDOM of HEAVEN, but he who does the WILL of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day [Judgment Day], ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, you who PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS!’” (Matt. 7:21-23, NKJV) (emphasis added).

We would be wise to find out what Jesus means when He uses the word “lawlessness” because He will tell those who have been using the gifts of the Spirit to prophesy in His name, cast out demons in His name, and done many wonders in His name on Judgment Day that He never knew them as He commands them to depart from Him.

Jesus will say this to the vast majority of believers in the body of Christ because they “practiced” lawlessness for this reason: Because they followed the false prophets and teachers in the body of Christ instead of walking in the footsteps of their Master.

Many are traversing the wide, easy path which leads to destruction. Instead, of walking on the "narrow" road which is difficult and few find. Yet it leads to life everlasting. These are the words Jesus spoke in Matthew 7:13-14 when He admonishes us to, *“ENTER by the NARROW gate; for WIDE is the GATE and BROAD is THE WAY that leads to DESTRUCTION, and there are MANY who go in by it. Because NARROW is the GATE and DIFFICULT is THE WAY which leads to LIFE, and there are FEW who FIND it.”* (NKJV) (emphasis added).

We may claim to have the testimony of Jesus by entering the narrow gate which is Jesus Himself to become saved. However, we must also WALK the narrow path (the Way) by following in the footsteps of our Master who is the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE because NO ONE comes to the Father except through Him (John 14:6).

And, this includes us keeping our heavenly Father's commandments as Jesus did. This is why Second John 9:10 says, *“Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.”* (NKJV)

Do we have both the Father and the Son by abiding in the doctrine of Christ which is based on the full volume of Moses and the gospel?

If not, Jesus will say He never KNEW those who have totally disregarded (to make of no effect) and have not “obeyed” His heavenly Father’s commandments we have heard from the beginning written by His servant Moses. Thus, they never did the “will” of His heavenly Father because they practiced LAWLESSNESS.

The word “lawlessness” that Jesus uses in Matthew 7:21-23 is synonymous with the word “iniquity.” According to Strong’s Greek Lexicon #G458 the word “lawlessness” is the Greek word “anomia” pronounced “ä-no-mē'-ä” which means: without law because of being ignorant of it or because of violating it due to contempt of it which results in our wickedness or iniquity against God and His Word.

Furthermore, the Greek word “anomia” is derived from Strong’s Greek Lexicon #G459 and is the Greek word “anomos” pronounced “ä'-no-mos” is referring to the Gentiles, who are pagan, heathen people who are destitute of the Mosaic Law and thereby they are out of covenant with God.

However, it can also be referring to those of us who were formerly Gentiles from the House of Israel that have now been grafted into the commonwealth of Israel by our faith in Jesus Christ. Yet we have departed from God’s law written by Moses because of our contempt of it or being ignorant of it, even though under the New Covenant God has now put His law in our mind and written them on our hearts with His Spirit if we have not grieved the Holy Spirit by practicing LAWLESSNESS. Our Lawgiver now lives in us by His Spirit. This is why the *kingdom of God* is WITHIN us.

Again, the very ones Jesus will say to depart from Him because He never KNEW them because they “practiced” LAWLESSNESS are those believers in the body of Christ who are using His name in VAIN as they are prophesying in His name, casting out demons in His name, doing many wonders in His name—BUT they are practicing “lawlessness” and they are NOT doing the WILL of His heavenly Father which is a FATAL mistake. We must repent and make an immediate course correction before it is too late for all eternity.

Below is an EXCELLENT article to read that has a chart explaining the difference between the gospel of salvation vs. the *gospel of the kingdom* which must begin in you because the *kingdom of God* is within you.

[The Difference Between the Gospel of Salvation and the Gospel of the Kingdom](https://www.charismamag.com/spirit/spiritual-growth/17652-the-difference-between-the-gospel-of-salvation-vs-gospel-of-the-kingdom)

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