

The Kingdom of Heaven

Narrow Door to God's Kingdom

[Luk 13:23-30 NLT] 23 Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He replied, 24 "Work hard to enter the narrow door to God's Kingdom, for many will try to enter but will fail. 25 When the master of the house has locked the door, it will be too late. You will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Lord, open the door for us!' But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' 26 Then you will say, 'But we ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' 27 And he will reply, 'I tell you, I don't know you or where you come from. Get away from me, all you who do evil.' 28 "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, for you will see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in the Kingdom of God, but you will be thrown out. 29 And people will come from all over the world--from east and west, north and south--to take their places in the Kingdom of God. 30 And note this: Some who seem least important now will be the greatest then, and some who are the greatest now will be least important then."

[Jhn 10:7, 9 KJV] 7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. ... 9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Text: [Dan 2:44 KJV] 44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, [but] it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

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Jesus Knew his purpose

Do His Father's Will

[Jhn 5:30 KJV] 30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

I am the Door, Messiah (John 4:26), Bread of Life (John 6:35), Light of the World (John 8:12), Good Shepherd (John 10:11,14), Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25), Way the Truth and the Life (John 14:6), True Vine (John 15:1)

He Showed God to Us

[Mat 11:27 KJV] 27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and [he] to whomsoever the Son will reveal [him].

[Jhn 14:9 KJV] 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou [then], Shew us the Father?

Preached the Gospel Message

[Mar 1:14 NLT] 14 Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God's Good News.

He knew He would die for the Sins of the World

[Rom 5:6-8 KJV] 6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

He knew he would be Resurrected From the Dead

[Jhn 2:18-22 KJV] 18 Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? 19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? 21 But he spake of the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

He knew His Father would confirm His Success in fulfilling His purpose.

Do You know your purpose

Glorify God

[Rom 15:6 KJV] 6 That ye may with one mind [and] one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[1Co 6:20 KJV] 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

[Jhn 21:18-19 NLT] 18 "I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don't want to go." 19 Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, "Follow me."

Whether you die through old age or through judgment, God is glorified.

Use the Gift(s) God gives to us

[1Co 12:4, 7, 11 NLT] 4 There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. ... 7 A spiritual gift is given to **each** of us so we can help each other. ... 11 It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

Do the Work of the Lord filling your role in the Body of Christ

[1Co 12:17-20 NLT] 17 If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? 18 But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. 19 How strange a body would be if it had only one part! 20 Yes, there are many parts, but only one body.

Jesus preached the Kingdom of God

The Gospel Message

[1Co 15:3-4, 58 KJV] 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins **according to the scriptures**; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day **according to the scriptures**:

Jesus Preached in Galilee (Where he was raised)

[Mar 1:15 KJV] 15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

We are told to seek the Kingdom of God

How do we seek the Kingdom of God?

Give thanks to God

[Psa 50:23 NLT] 23 But giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors me. If you keep to my path, I will reveal to you the salvation of God."

With All Our Hearts

[Deu 4:29 KJV] 29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find [him], if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

[Mat 6:33 KJV] 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

[Mat 6:33 NLT] 33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Failure to Seek God Brings Great Loss

[Luk 13:25-30 KJV] 25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: 26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. 27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all [ye] workers of iniquity. 28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you [yourselves] thrust out. 29 And they shall come from the east, and [from] the west, and from the north, and [from] the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. 30 And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

The Kingdom of Heaven

There are no city limits signs.

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

Some have the wrong idea about the Kingdom of God

[Luk 8:10 KJV] 10 And he said, Unto **you** it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Isaiah 6:9

Jesus Brought Us the Kingdom of Heaven and gave us evidence

[Mar 1:14-15 KJV] 14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

[Act 1:3 KJV] 3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

The Kingdom of Heaven is within us

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

The Kingdom of Heaven is a treasure

[Mat 13:44 KJV] 44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

[Luk 12:34 KJV] 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

[Mat 13:45-46 KJV] 45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: 46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

The Poor in Spirit (Those who realize they need Jesus and can't afford him.)

[Jhn 6:44 KJV] 44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

[Mat 5:3 KJV] 3 Blessed [are] the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[Mat 5:3 NLT] 3 "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Only Those that do the Will of the Father

[Mat 7:21 KJV] 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

The Unrighteous will not go to the kingdom of God

[1Co 6:9-10 KJV] 9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

[1Co 15:50 KJV] 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

[Gal 5:21 KJV] 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told [you] in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Condition for Seeing and entering the Kingdom of God

[Jhn 3:3, 5 KJV] 3 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. (Also, Verse 5)