

*“And this Gospel of the Kingdom
will be Preached in all the World
as a Witness to all the Nations,
and then the End will Come.”*

Matthew 24:14

THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

The Government of God

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DEDICATION

*A study guide dedicated to my sons Jason and Matthew.
I have been truly blessed.
Love Always, Mom.*



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INTRODUCTION

In 2015, I was tasked by the Holy Spirit to look up scriptures with the word “Kingdom.” There are over three hundred scriptures in the New King James Version.

I focused on specific scriptures that would answer the question, “What is the Kingdom”? You will find those specific scriptures within this guide as you study.

Believing that, ***“The Gospel of the Kingdom will be Preached in all the World as a Witness to all the Nations, and then the End will Come.”***

In 2021, I had authored a book titled, ***“The Vision for the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.” The Vision is to Establish the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom Culture.***

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The question then is, *“If the vision is to establish the Kingdom of God, then I should be able to discern and explain “What is the Kingdom of God.”*

The Lord had a plan as you can see.

When I set out to author this book concerning the Kingdom of God, what you have in your hands is not what I originally envisioned. I knew it was going to be a daunting task.

I have structured the Study Guide according to a Monarchical Governmental System. I cannot stress enough, that the Kingdom of God is the Government of God in operation, against the powers of darkness. We will need to be knowledgeable and know how to utilize our weapons of warfare especially during these times we are now living in.

I have utilized the Strong’s Greek/Hebrew Dictionary as well as the Merriam Webster’s Dictionary to assist in interpreting scripture. However, there will be some words that you will need to research for yourselves as a good disciple of Jesus Christ.

This study guide is to help equip the body of Christ. A tool for ministers, teachers, bible study leaders. It can be completed in a group setting or as a self study.

Each topic covered is not all encompassing, however a beginning, for you to expand upon the truths within. I pray the Holy Spirit will guide you and strengthen you as you reach to new heights in Him.

Karen

The Gospel of the Kingdom

GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

“Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Mark 1:14-15

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**GOSPEL – GREEK – EUAGGELION** – G2098 - From the same as G2097; a *good message*, that is, the *gospel*: - gospel.

**GOSPEL – GREEK – EUAGGELIZO** – G2097 - From G2095 and G32; to *announce good news* (“evangelize”) especially the *gospel*: - declare, bring (declare, show) glad (good) tidings, preach (the *gospel*).

**KINGDOM – GREEK – BASILEIA** – G932 - From G935; properly *royalty*, that is, (abstractly) *rule*, or (concretely) a *realm* (literally or figuratively): - kingdom, + reign.

**REPENT – GREEK – METANOEO** – G3340 - From G3326 and G3539; to *think differently* or *afterwards*, that is, *reconsider* (morally to *feel compunction*): - repent.

### KINGDOM

- A politically organized community or major territorial unit having a monarchical form of government headed by a king or queen.
- Often Capitalized:
  - a) The eternal kingship of God.
  - b) The realm in which God’s will is fulfilled.

“Kingdom” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/kingdom>. Accessed 21 Apr. 2023.

### REPENT

- To turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life.
- a) To feel regret or contrition.
  - b) To change one’s mind.

“Repent.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/repent>. Accessed 21 Apr. 2023.

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Mark 1:14-15
  - a) What is the meaning of gospel?
  - b) What is the meaning of kingdom?
  - c) What is the meaning of the "Gospel of the Kingdom?"
  - d) What is the meaning of "Time is Fulfilled?"
  - e) What is the meaning of the "Kingdom of God is at hand?"
  - f) What is the twofold message that Jesus is preaching?
  - g) What is the meaning of repent?
  - h) What is the meaning of "To Believe in the Gospel?"
2. Read Mark 1:1-8
  - a) Who is John?  
Read Matthew 17:10-13  
Read Malachi 4:5-6

(John came in the Spirit of Elijah – To turn the hearts of the people back to God)

  - b) What was the prophecy concerning John?
  - c) Was John completing the prophecy given?
  - d) What was the baptism that John was preaching?
  - e) What is the meaning of baptism?
3. Read Luke 16:16-17- What is meant by the following:
  - a) "The law and the prophets were until John?"
  - b) "Kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it?"
4. Read Matthew 5:17-18
  - a) What is the law that Jesus talks about?
  - b) Has the law been fulfilled?  
(Read Luke 24:44)
5. Read John 10:7-10
  - a) How does one enter the kingdom?
  - b) Who is the door of the sheep?
  - c) What is the promise to those who enter the door?
6. Read Matthew 7:21-23
  - a) Not all will enter the kingdom of heaven, why?
  - b) What is the meaning of lawlessness?

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## MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL

***For this reason, I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles – if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery...Ephesians 3:1-4***

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DISPENSATION – GREEK – OIKONOMIA – G3622 - From G3623; *administration* (of a household or estate); specifically, a (religious) “economy”: - dispensation, stewardship.

GRACE – GREEK – CHARIS – G5485 - From G5463; *graciousness* (as *gratifying*), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including *gratitude*): - acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace (-ious), joy liberality, pleasure, thank (-s, -worthy).

Ephesians 3:5-6 “Which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets, that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel.”

Ephesians 2:14-16 “For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.”

Ephesians 2:19-22 “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Ephesians 3:1-6
 - a) What is the meaning of dispensation?
 - b) What is the dispensation (stewardship) Paul talks about?
 - c) What is the meaning of grace?
 - d) What is the mystery that Paul talks about?

2. Read Ephesians 2:4-9
 - a) What was the gift given to be saved?
 - b) For by _____ you have been saved through _____ and that not of yourselves it is the _____ of God. Not of _____ lest anyone should boast.

3. Read Romans Chapter 11
 - a) Who was the nation that was elected by God?
 - b) Why has blindness happened in part to Israel?
 - c) Who are the Gentiles?

4. Read Ephesians 2:14-18
 - a) What is the meaning of enmity?
 - b) What is meant by "He Himself is our peace, who has made both one"?
 - c) How did Jesus reconcile both the Jew and Gentile to God?
 - d) We now have access by one Spirit to whom?

5. Read Ephesians 2:19-22
 - a) Who are those now called fellow citizens?
 - b) Who is the Chief Cornerstone of the household?
 - c) Who built the foundation of the household?
 - d) The whole building grows into what?
 - e) For a dwelling place of who?

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JESUS SPEAKS IN PARABLES

"Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying...

Matthew 13:3

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**PARABLE – GREEK – PARABOLE – G3850 –** From G3846; a *similitude* ("parable"), that is, (symbolically) *fictitious narrative* (of common life conveying a moral), *apoth gm* or *adage*: - comparison, figure, parable, proverb.

***Matthew 13:10-11 "And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given."***

***Matthew 13:34-35 (NKJ) "All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:***

***"I will open My mouth in parables.***

***I will utter things kept secret from the foundation***

***Of the world."***

***Mark 4:30-32 "Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth, but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."***

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 13:1-3
  - a) What is a parable?
2. Read Matthew 13:10-17
  - a) Why did Jesus speak in parables?
  - b) Who did Jesus refer to when he said, "to them it has not been given"? Why?
3. Read Matthew 13:34-35
  - a) Jesus spoke to the multitudes in parables, and was a fulfillment of what?
4. Read Mark 4:30-32
  - a) How does scripture describe a mustard seed?
  - b) What is the comparison of a mustard seed to the kingdom of God?
5. Read Matthew 13:1-9
  - a) What is the meaning of this parable?  
(Read Matthew 13:18-23)
6. Read Matthew 13:24-30
  - a) What is the meaning of this parable?  
(Read Matthew 13:36-43)
7. The Kingdom Parables
  - a) The Sower (Matt. 13:1-23)
  - b) Wheat & The Tares (Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43)
  - c) The Mustard Seed (Matt. 13:31-32)
  - d) The Leaven (Matt. 13:33)
  - e) The Hidden Treasure (Matt. 13:44)
  - f) The Pearl (Matt. 13:45-46)
  - g) The Dragnet (Matt. 13:47-50)
  - h) The Unmerciful Servant (Matt. 18:23-35)
  - i) Vineyard Laborers (Matt. 20:1-16)
  - j) The Marriage Feast (Matt. 22:1-14)
  - k) The Ten Virgins (Matt. 25:1-13)
  - l) The Talents (Matt. 25:14-30)

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## OVERVIEW

*The law and the prophets were until John* (Luke 16:16) The law is the law of Moses given to him by God on Mount Sinai. The Ten Commandments. Moses was given other laws for the Nation of Israel from God as well. The prophets during these times were used by God to bring a word of correction and judgment.

The time of the law and the prophets is now complete. John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus has come on the scene preaching a baptism of repentance of sins.

The Kingdom of God is now at hand, it is here, and the “Good News of the Gospel” of the Kingdom is now being preached. Everyone is pressing into it. People are believing the message of the gospel and becoming citizens of the Kingdom.

We now live in the period of Grace. *For by “Grace” we have been saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves it is the “Gift of God,” not of works lest anyone should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9*

The nation of Israel was elected by God to be His special people. He had given them the testimonies, laws, and the covenants. They did not receive the “Good News of the Gospel of the Kingdom” they rejected Jesus when He came. The message had to come to the Jew first and then the Gentile.

Since Israel rejected the message of the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom is now given to a people/nation who will bear the fruit of it.

The parables, describe the hidden truths of the Kingdom. The Sower went out to sow seeds in the hearts of men. Or the Merchant who sold all he had to purchase one pearl of great price. Or treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid, and sells all he had to purchase the field. And the mustard seed, the least of all seeds, but when grown is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree.

The Kingdom is to expand and grow throughout the earth in the hearts of men.

Jesus

The King

## JESUS THE KING

***“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your King is coming to you. He is just and having salvation,  
lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.”  
Zechariah 9:9***

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KING – **HEBREW** – **MELEK** – H4428 - From H4427; a *king*: - king, royal.

KING

- Capitalized: GOD, CHRIST
- A male monarch of a major territorial unit
- A paramount Chief
- One that holds preeminent position.

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Matthew 2:1-2 “...Behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His Star in the East and have come to worship Him.”

John 18:37 “Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

John 19:19 “Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was:

***JESUS OF NAZARETH,
THE KING OF THE JEWS.***

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Who declared Jesus as King in each of these scriptures?
Notice the timing of each.
 - a) Zechariah 9:9
 - b) Matthew 2:1-2
 - c) John 18:37
 - d) John 19:19
 - e) Revelation 1:5
2. Read Mark 14:43-50
 - a) Who betrayed Jesus?
 - b) How was Jesus betrayed?
3. Read Mark 14:53-65
 - a) Who did Jesus stand before, that He was condemned?
 - b) What was the reason that Jesus was condemned?
4. Read Mark 15:1-15
 - a) Who is Pilate?
 - b) Who testified against Jesus to Pilate?
 - c) What did the crowd cry out to Pilate?
5. Read Matthew 21:42-45
 - a) Who is the stone in this scripture?
 - b) Who are the builders in this scripture?
 - c) From whom is the kingdom being taken?
 - d) To whom is the kingdom being given?

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JESUS THE KING
IS GOD

***“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, God with Us.”
Matthew 1:23***

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***Matthew 1:21 “And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”***

**JESUS – GREEK – LESOUS – G2424** – Of Hebrew origin [H3091]; *Jesus* (that is, *Jehoshua*), the name of our Lord and two (three) other Israelites: - Jesus.

**SAVE – GREEK – SOZO – G4982** - To *save*, that is, *deliver* or *protect* (literally or figuratively): - heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

**SINS – GREEK – HAMARTIA – G266** – From G264; *sin* (properly abstract): - offence, sin (-ful).

**SINS – GREEK – HAMARTANO – G264** - Perhaps from G1 (as a negative particle) and the base of G3313; properly to *miss* the mark (and so *not share* in the prize), that is, (figuratively) to *err*, especially (morally) to *sin*: - for your faults, offend, sin, trespass.

***John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.***

***John 1:14 “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”***

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 1:23
  - a) What is the meaning of Immanuel?
2. Read Matthew 1:18-21
  - a) What is the meaning of Jesus?
  - b) What is the meaning of save?
  - c) What is the meaning of sins?
  - d) What is Jesus to accomplish?
3. Read John 1:1,14
  - a) Who is the Word who is God?
4. Read Philippians 2:5-11
  - a) Scripture states Jesus is equal to whom?
  - b) What was the attitude of Jesus in the scripture?
  - c) Scripture states that we all will confess what?
5. Read John 14:7-11
  - a) Who does Jesus confess that He is?
6. Read John 10:31-33
  - a) What do the Jews accuse Jesus of?
7. Read Colossians 1:15-17
  - a) What does this scripture state who Jesus is?

## NOTES

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JESUS THE KING  
THE PASSEVER LAMB OF THE NEW COVENANT

***“And for this cause, He is the mediator of the New Testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.” Hebrews 9:15 (KJV)***

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TESTAMENT – GREEK – DIATHEKE – G1242 – From G1303; properly a *disposition*, that is, (specifically) a *contract* (especially a *devisory will*): - covenant, testament.

1 Corinthians 11:23 “For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread.”

1 Corinthians 11:24 “And when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, Take, eat, this is My body which is broken for you, do this in remembrance of Me.”

1 Corinthians 11:25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

1 Corinthians 11:26 “For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.”

Hebrews 7:22 “by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.”

SURETY

- One who has become legally liable for the debt, default, or failure in duty of another.

“Surety.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/surety>. Accessed 21 Apr. 2023.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Exodus 12:21-28
 - a) What is the meaning of Passover?
 - b) What were the people to do with the blood of the Passover lamb?
2. Read Hebrews 9:15
 - a) What is the meaning of testament?
 - b) Who is the mediator of the New Testament?
 - c) How is Jesus the mediator of the New Testament?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 - a) What is the New Covenant?
 - b) What does the bread represent?
 - c) What does the blood represent?
 - d) For as often as we eat the bread and drink the cup what are we proclaiming?
4. Read Hebrews 7:22-25
 - a) What is the meaning of surety?
 - b) What is meant by "surety of a better covenant?"

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**JESUS THE KING
FIRSTBORN AMONG MANY BRETHREN**

***“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”
Romans 8:29***

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**FIRSTBORN – GREEK – PROTOTOKOS** – G4416 – From G4413 and the alternate of G5088; *first born* (usually as noun, literally or figuratively): - first begotten (-born).

**SANCTIFY – HEBREW – KAWDASH** – H6942 - A primitive root; to *be* (causatively *make, pronounce or observe as*) *clean* (ceremonially or morally): - appoint, bid, consecrate, dedicate, defile, hallow, (be, keep) holy (-er, place), keep, prepare, proclaim, purify, sanctify (-ied one, self), X wholly. (Exodus 13:2)

**REDEEM – HEBREW – PADAH** – H6299 - A primitive root; to sever, that is, *ransom*; generally to *release, preserve*: - X at all, deliver, X by any means, ransom, (that are to be, let be) redeem (-ed), rescue, X surely. (Exodus 13:13)

***Exodus 4:22 “Then you shall say to Pharaoh, thus says the Lord: Israel is My son, My firstborn.”***

***Exodus 13:1 “Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying.”***

***Exodus 13:2 (KJV) “Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.***

***Colossians 1:18 “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence.”***

***Galatians 3:26 “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”***

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Exodus 4:18-23
  - a) Who does God say Israel is?  
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  - b) What does the Lord say to Pharaoh?  
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2. The Law of the Firstborn
  - a) Read Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16.
  - b) What is the meaning of sanctify?
  - c) What is the meaning of redeem?
  - d) Who does God say the people should redeem?
3. Who is the firstborn in these scriptures?
  - a) Colossians 1:15-18
  - b) Hebrews 12:22-24
4. Read Galatians 3:26-29
  - a) Who are the sons of God?
5. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23
  - a) Has the church been consecrated/sanctified?
6. Read Galatians 3:13
  - a) Has the church been redeemed?

## NOTES

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**JESUS THE KING  
OUR HIGH PRIEST**

***“...He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, called by God as High Priest, according to the order of Melchizedek.  
Hebrews 5:9-10***

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Hebrews 7:1-3 “ For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated “king of righteousness,” and then also king of Salem, meaning “king of peace,” without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.”

Hebrews 7:26-28 “For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests’ men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.”

Hebrews 9:11-12 “But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”

BARABBAS – GREEK – BARABBAS – G912 - Of Chaldee origin ([H1347] and G5 (Greek)); son of Abba; Bar-abbas, an Israelite: - Barabbas.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Leviticus 16 (Law)
 - a) Who made atonement for the people's sin?
 - b) How often did the High Priest enter the Holy of Holies to atone for the sin of the people?
 - c) Where was the bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering for atonement from the Holy Place taken to?
 - d) What is the scapegoat?
2. Read Hebrews 5:9-10
 - a) What is meant by "according to the order of Melchizedek?"
3. Read Hebrews 7:1-3
 - a) Who is Melchizedek?
 - b) The order of Melchizedek functions in the offices of what?
(Under the law the tribe of the Levites held the office of Priest, and the tribe of Judah held the office of King)
 - c) Read 2 Samuel 6:17 – David was the King of Israel; however, he functioned within this scripture as a Priest offering burnt offerings and peace offerings. Could David be a type of the order of Melchizedek?
 - d) Read 1 Samuel 13:7-14 – Saul is King of Israel at this time. When Saul offers burnt offerings to the Lord what is the outcome?
4. Read Psalm 89:3-29
Read 1 Peter 2:9
 - a) Was David chosen as a type of the order of Melchizedek?
 - b) Are we the Church chosen as a type of the order of Melchizedek?
5. Read Hebrews 7:26-28
Read Hebrews 9:11-12
 - a) Who is the High Priest?
 - b) Who entered the Most Holy Place once for all with His own blood?
 - c) Where is the Holy Place?

6. Read Hebrews 13:10-13
 - a) Where was Jesus crucified?
7. Read Mark 15:6-15
 - a) What is the meaning of Barabbas?
 - b) Is Barabbas a type of scapegoat?
 - c) Are we as Sons of God a type of scapegoats?

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JESUS THE KING OUR RECONCILER

“For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.” Colossians 1:19-20

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RECONCILE – GREEK – ΑΠΟΚΑΤΑΛΑΣΣΟ – G604 – From G575 and G2644; to *reconcile fully*: - reconcile.

### RECONCILE

- To restore to friendship or harmony
- SETTLE, RESOLVE

**“Reconcile.”** Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/reconcile>. Accessed 21 Apr. 2023.

When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, they became estranged from God. Sin had entered the world, and they lost dominion of the earth to Satan. Jesus came to restore what Adam and Eve lost.

***John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”***

***Colossians 1:21 “And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.”***

### RELATIONSHIP RESTORED

***Luke 4:6-7 “Then the devil taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.”***

Satan had received authority over the kingdoms of the world because of Adam’s sin. Jesus received that dominion back when He went to the cross as the perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world.

### **DOMINION/AUTHORITY RESTORED**

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#### **STUDY QUESTIONS**

1. Read Colossians 1:19-21
  - a) What is the meaning of reconcile?
  - b) How were all things reconciled to God?
  - c) How are we now viewed before God?
2. Read John 3:16
  - a) What is the promise in this scripture?
3. Read Luke 4:6-7 & Matthew 28:18
  - a) Who now has all authority in heaven and earth?

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JESUS THE KING  
OUR REDEEMER

***“...To give His life a ransom for many.”  
Matthew 20:28***

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RANSOM – GREEK – LUTRON – G3083 – From G3089; something to loosen with, that is, a redemption *price* (figuratively *atonement*): - ransom.

Galatians 3:13 “Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”)

1 Corinthians 6:20 “For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

Romans 3:21-24 “But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption.”

Titus 2:14 “Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 20:28
 - a) What is the meaning of Ransom?
2. Read Deuteronomy 11:26-29
 - a) What was the condition for a blessing?
 - b) What was the result of not obeying the commandments?
3. Read Deuteronomy 27:11-26 & Deuteronomy 28
 - a) Who spoke the pronouncements of the curse on Mt. Ebal?
 - b) What was the response by the people?
4. Read Galatians 3:13
 - a) Who redeemed us from the curse of the law?
5. Read Deuteronomy 21:22-23
 - a) What was the law concerning the body of a man hung on a tree?
6. Read John 19:31-42
 - a) Was the commandment concerning the body observed according to Deuteronomy 21:22-23?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 6:20
 - a) What is the meaning of "You were bought at a price"?
8. Read Romans 3:21-24 & Titus 2:14
 - a) What did the redemption price give us according to these scriptures?

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**JESUS THE KING
OUR SANCTIFICATION AND RIGHTEOUSNESS**

***“But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God — and righteousness, sanctification, and redemption...
1 Corinthians 1:30***

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**RIGHTEOUSNESS – GREEK – DIKAIOSUNE – G1343 – From G1342; equity (of character or act); specifically (Christian) *justification*: - righteousness.**

**SANCTIFICATION – GREEK – HAGIASMOS – G38 – From G37; properly *purification*, that is, (the state) *purity*; concretely (by Hebraism) a *purifier*: - holiness, sanctification.**

***Hebrews 10:12 “But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God.”***

***Hebrews 10:13 “From that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.”***

***Hebrews 10:14 “For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.”***

***Hebrews 13:12 “Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.”***

***Romans 10:4 “For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.”***

***1 Peter 2:24 “Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you were healed.”***

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Corinthians 1:30
  - a) What is the meaning of righteousness?
  - b) What is the meaning of sanctification?
2. Read Hebrews 10:1-14
  - a) What does this scripture say about the sacrifice of animals?
  - b) Who is the perfect sacrifice?
  - c) For by one offering what did Jesus accomplish?
3. Read Hebrews 13:12
  - a) How did Jesus sanctify the people?
4. Read Leviticus 17:10-14
  - a) What does God say He had given the blood for?
  - b) What is the law concerning blood?
  - c) Why could the Israelites not eat the blood?
5. Read Romans 10:4
  - a) What is the end of the law?
6. Read 1 Peter 2:24
  - a) What are we to die to?
  - b) What are we to live for?

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## JESUS THE KING SERVANT

***“Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin, You had no pleasure. Then I said, Behold, I have come – In the volume of the book it is written of Me – To do Your will, O God.” Hebrews 10:5-7***

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SERVANT – GREEK – DOULOS – G 1401 – From G1210; a *slave* (literally or figuratively, involuntarily or voluntarily; frequently therefore in a qualified sense of *subjection* or *subserviency*): - bond (-man), servant.

Matthew 20:25-28 “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

John 13:12-17 “So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Hebrews 10:5-7
 - a) What is the meaning of servant?
 - b) Was Jesus obedient to the will of the Father?
2. Read Matthew 20:25-28
 - a) What does this scripture state concerning those who want to be great amongst us?
 - b) What does scripture state to those who desire to be first among us?
 - c) What does scripture state concerning what Jesus has done for us?
3. Read John 13:12-17
 - a) What did Jesus teach us according to this scripture?
4. Read 1Samuel 15:10-23.
 - a) What was the sin of Saul?
 - b) What did Samuel say in response to Saul's reply of his questioning?

Behold to _____ is better than _____

For _____ is as the sin of _____

And _____ is as _____ and _____

_____.
 - c) What was the judgment upon Saul?

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JESUS THE KING IS...

KING OF KINGS *"And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" Revelation 19:16*

HEAD OF THE CHURCH HIS BODY *"And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence." Colossians 1:18*

THE BREAD OF LIFE *"I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." John 6:35*

LIGHT OF THE WORLD *"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life." John 8:12*

THE DOOR *"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." John 10:9*

RESURRECTION AND LIFE *"I am the resurrection and the life, He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this? John 11:25-26*

THE WAY THE TRUTH THE LIFE *"I am the way, the truth, the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. John 4:16*

THE VINE *"I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit, for without Me you can do nothing." John 15:5*

ALPHA & OMEGA *"I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." Revelation 22:13*

THE APOSTLE *"Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus" Hebrews 3:1*

THE PROPHET *"...This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee." Matthew 21:11*

THE SHEPHERD *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. John 10:11*

THE TEACHER *"...Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." John 3:2*

THE EVANGELIST *But He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent." Luke 4:43*

"WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE." ISAIAH 9:6B

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OVERVIEW

Jesus came into the world as King of the Jews declaring that the Kingdom was at hand. *He was to fulfill all which was written of Him in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Him. (Luke 24:44)*

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

The King, "Jesus" who came not to be served, but to serve. *For He said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you, but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant."*

According to the world's standards, the Kingdom of God is upside down.

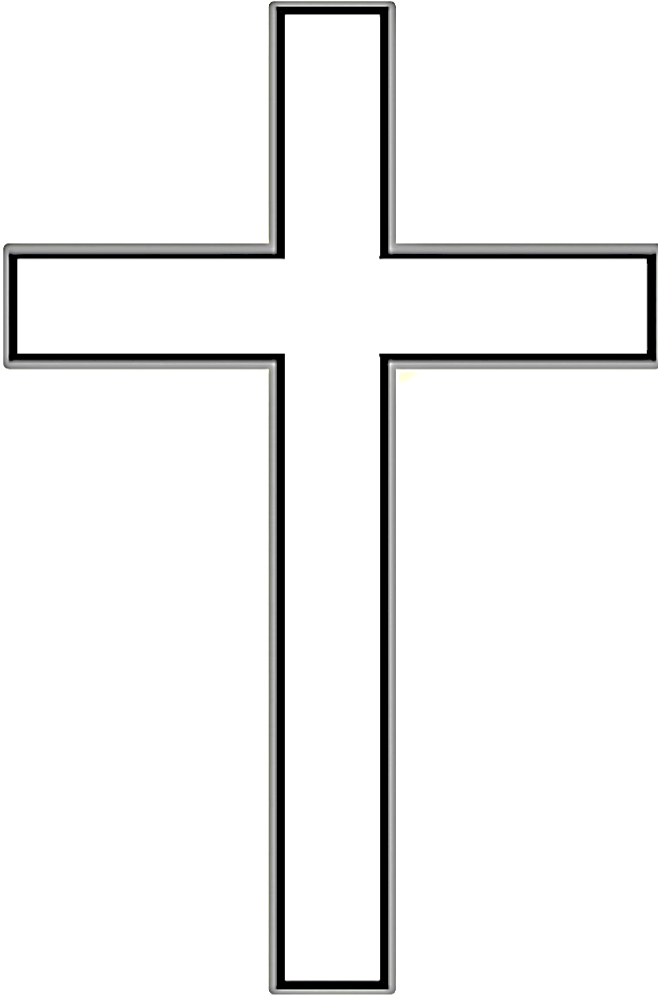
Jesus the King, of the Kingdom, of which many are pressing into, knows each of us by name. We are not, just a number. He gave His life for each and everyone. *That while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)*

Read again the Names of our Savior King, and what He has accomplished for us.

Who is like our God!!!

The Cross

THE CROSS
THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW



STUDY QUESTIONS

*When Jesus was crucified on the cross at Calvary, He fulfilled what was written about Him in the law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.
(Luke 24:44)*

1. Read Matthew 1:21
2. Read Galatians 3:13-14
3. Read Hebrews 7:22
4. Read 1 Corinthians 6:20
5. Read John 19:28-30
 - a) What were the last words Jesus spoke?
6. Write ****PAID IN FULL**** on the cross.
7. What has Jesus given us because of His death on the cross?

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Kingdom

Government

GOVERNMENT

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder.... Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end..." Isaiah 9:6-7

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**GOVERNMENT—HEBREW—MISRAH—** H4951 - From H8280; empire: - government

**DOMINION – GREEK – RADAH –** H7287 - A primitive root; to tread down, that is, subjugate; specifically, to crumble off: - (come to, make to) have dominion, prevail against, reign, (bear, make to) rule, (-r, over), take. (Genesis 1:26)

## EMPIRE

- Imperial sovereignty, rule, or dominion.
- A major political unit having a territory of great extent, or a number of territories or peoples under a single sovereign authority.
- Something resembling a political empire.

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## SOVEREIGN

- One possessing or held to possess supreme political power or sovereignty.
- One that exercises supreme authority within a limited sphere.
- An acknowledged leader: ARBITER

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## RULE

- The exercise of authority or control: DOMINION
- A period during which a specified ruler or government exercises control.

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## DOMINION

- Domain
- *Law*: supreme authority: having *dominion* over the natural world
- Dominion’s *plural, Christianity*: an order of angels—see CELESTIAL HIERARCHY

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***Acts 1:6-7 “Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.”***

***Revelation 11:15 “...And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”***

**AT THE APPOINTED TIME:** Jesus will return to earth and take His rightful place as King of Kings on the Throne of David. (Restored Kingdom to Israel)

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## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Isaiah 9:6-7
  - a) What is the meaning of Government, Dominion, Empire, Sovereign and Rule.
2. Read Acts 1:6-7 & Revelation 11:15
  - a) At what time will Jesus’ reign on the earth?

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## GOVERNMENT

***“... All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.”  
Matthew 28:18 (KJV)***  
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POWER — GREEK—EXOUSIA – G1849 - From G1832 (in the sense of ability); privilege, that is, (subjectively) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery (concretely magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence: - authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

AUTHORITY

- Persons in command, *specifically* : GOVERNMENT
- Freedom granted by one in authority: RIGHT

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Mark 1:27 “Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves saying, “What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority, He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey Him”

Matthew 12:28 “But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

Jesus exercised His authority (Government) as the Kingdom of God (light) over the (Government) of Satan. (darkness)

John 18:36 “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews. But now My kingdom is not from here.”

Jesus Governs, Rules, Administrates the kingdom through His Church, with the help of the Holy Spirit (A Spiritual Kingdom)

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 28:18
 - a) What is the meaning of power?
 - b) What is the meaning of authority?
2. Read Mark 1:27
 - a) What did the people say when Jesus casts out unclean spirits?
 - b) What was Jesus able to accomplish with authority?
3. Read Matthew 12:28
 - a) What did Jesus say concerning the casting out of demons?
 - b) Is the Kingdom of God a spiritual kingdom?
4. Read Luke 10:17-20
 - a) Jesus gives authority to His disciples for what purpose?
 - b) Jesus states do not rejoice. Why?
 - c) Jesus states to rejoice. Why?
 - d) Do we as children of God have authority against the kingdom of darkness?
5. Kingdom of Light
 - a) Read John 8:12
 - b) Who is the light of the world?
 - c) Read Philippians 2:15
 - d) Children of God shine as what?
6. Read 1 Peter 5:8
 - a) Who is our adversary?
7. Kingdom of Darkness
 - a) Read 1John 5:19
 - b) The world lies under the sway of who?
 - c) Read John 8:37- 44
 - d) To whom does Jesus refer to when he states you are of your father the devil? Why?

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ADMINISTRATION

“And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.” 1 Corinthians 12:28 (KJV)
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**GOVERNMENTS — GREEK— KUBERNESIS—** G2941 - From kubernaō (of Latin origin, to *steer*); *pilotage*, that is, (figuratively) *directorship* (in the church): - government.

### GOVERNMENT

- The organization, machinery, or agency through which a political unit exercises authority and performs functions and which is usually classified according to the distribution of power within it.
- The complex of political institutions, laws, and customs through which the function of governing is carried out.
- ADMINISTRATION
- The office, authority, or function of governing

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### GOVERN

- To exercise continuous sovereign authority over
- To control, direct, or strongly influence the actions and conduct of
- To prevail or have decisive influence: CONTROL

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### ADMINISTRATION

- Performance of executive duties: MANAGEMENT
- The execution of public affairs as distinguished from policymaking.
- A governmental agency or board



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**Titus 1:5** *“For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you.”*

**ELDER—GREEK—PRESBUTEROS** – G4245 - Comparative of presbus (elderly); older; as noun, a senior; specifically an Israelite *Sanhedrist* (also figuratively, member of the celestial council) or Christian “presbyter”: - elder (-est), old.

**BISHOP—GREEK—EPISKOPE** – G1984 - From G1980; *inspection* (for relief); by implication *superintendence*; specifically the Christian “episcopate”: - the office of a “bishop”, bishopric, visitation.

**DEACON—GREEK—DIAKONOS** – G1249 - (obsolete, to *run* on errands; compare G1377); an *attendant*, that is, (generally) a *waiter* (at table or in other menial duties); specifically a Christian *teacher* and *pastor* (technically a *deacon* or *deaconess*): - deacon, minister, servant.

**1 Timothy 3:1-6** *“This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach. Not given to much wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous. One who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence. (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?) not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil.”*

**1 Timothy 3:8-10** *“Likewise deacons must be reverent, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. But let these also first be tested, then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless.”*

## ADMINISTRATION

***“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry...” Ephesians 4:11-12***

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APOSTLES - GREEK— APOSTOLOS – G652 - From G649; a *delegate*; specifically an *ambassador* of the Gospel; officially a *commissioner* of Christ (“apostle”), (with miraculous powers): - apostle, messenger, he that is sent.

PROPHETS—GREEK—PROPHETES – G4396 - From a compound of G4253 and G5346; a *foreteller* (“prophet”); by analogy, an *inspired speaker*; by extension, a *poet*: - prophet.

EVANGELISTS—GREEK—EUAGGELISTES – G2099 - From G2097; a *preacher* of the gospel: - evangelist.

PASTORS—GREEK—POIMEN – G4166 - Of uncertain affinity; a *shepherd* (literally or figuratively): - shepherd, pastor.

TEACHERS—GREEK—DIDASKALOS – G1320 - From G1321; an *instructor* (generally or specifically): - doctor, master, teacher.

APOSTLE – Builds, Equips, Fathers, Imparts, Governs, A Ruling Anointing.

PROPHET – Hears, Sees, Spokesman, Makes Announcements, Walk in Dreams, Visions and Revelations, Strong in deliverance Ministry.

EVANGELIST – Soul Winning

PASTOR - Nurtures, Feeds, Comforts, Guards, Protects and Councils

TEACHER – Explains, Trains, Instructs, Tutor and Good at Giving you the Keys to This and That.

Jonas Clark Ministries, Apostolic Ministry: Understanding Five Ministry Gifts(08) YouTube, August4,2014, 5:23minutes.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nT8LW1swjJA>

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:28
 - a) What is the meaning of government?
 - b) What is the meaning of govern?
 - c) What is the meaning of administration?
2. Read Titus 1:5
 - d) What is the meaning of an Elder?
3. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-6
 - a) What is the meaning of Bishop?
4. Read 1 Timothy 3:8-10
 - a) What is the meaning of Deacon?
5.
 - a) List some of the qualifications for an Elder, Bishop and Deacon?
 - b) What would be a main qualification?
6. Read Ephesians 4:11-12
 - a) What is the meaning of Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher?
 - b) What is the function of these gifts for the body of Christ?
 - c) What is the meaning of equip? (Page #104)
7. Read Ephesians 4:13-16
 - a) What is the meaning of edify?
 - b) What is the purpose of edifying the body of Christ?
 - c) What is the purpose of the body being joined and knit together?

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CONSTITUTION

“(For the Lord is our Judge, The Lord is our Lawgiver, The Lord is our King, He will save us)” Isaiah 33:22

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**CONSTITUTION** - *The basic principles and laws of a nation, state, or social group that determine the powers and duties of the government and guarantee certain rights to the people in it.*

“Constitution.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/constitution>. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

**COVENANT** - *A written agreement or promise usually under seal between two or more parties especially for the performance of some action.*

“Covenant.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/covenant>. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

**LAWS** - *A binding custom or practice of a community: a rule of conduct or action prescribed or formally recognized as binding or enforced by a controlling authority.*

“Law.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/law>. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

**PRINCIPLES** - *A comprehensive and fundamental law, doctrine, or assumption. A rule or code of conduct.*

“Principle.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/principle>. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

**RIGHTS** - *Qualities (such as adherence to duty or obedience to lawful authority) that together constitute the ideal of moral propriety or merit moral approval.*

“Right.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/right>. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

**PRIVILEGES** - A right or immunity granted as a peculiar benefit, advantage, or favor.

“Privilege.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/privilege>. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

## **THE BIBLE IS THE TESTAMENT (COVENANT)**

### **A LEGAL DOCUMENT**

### **THE BIBLE HAS LAWS AND PRINCIPLES**

### **THE BIBLE HAS RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES**

As Kingdom Citizens we have access to petition the Judge of Heaven and Earth to get justice based on evidence, utilizing our rightful privileges as citizens of the Kingdom.

**INSPIRATION – GREEK – THEOPNEUSTOS – G2315** - From G2316 and a presumed derivative of G4154; *divinely breathed in*: - given by inspiration of God.

## **STUDY QUESTIONS**

1. What is the meaning of the following? Give an example of each.

Constitution

Covenant

Laws

Principles

Rights

Privileges

2. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17

a) What is the meaning of inspiration?

b) What is scripture profitable for?

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b) That the man of God may be

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3. Read Luke 18:1-8

a) What did the widow ask of the judge?

b) What does the unjust judge say because the widow troubles him?

c) What is God's promise to His elect who cry out to Him day and night?

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Kingdom

Territory

## KINGDOM TERRITORY

***“Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, and the glory. The victory and the majesty. For all that is in heaven and in the earth is Yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head over all.” 1 Chronicles 29:11***

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TERRITORY

- A geographic area belonging to or under the jurisdiction of a governmental authority.
- A geographic area (such as a colonial possession) dependent on an external government but having some degree of autonomy.
- A field of knowledge or interest

“Territory.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/territory>. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

DOMAIN

- Complete and absolute ownership of land
- A sphere of knowledge, influence, or activity

“Domain.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/domain>. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

THE EARTH IS GOD’S TERRITORY

WE AS KINGS OF THE KINGDOM ARE TO: Govern, Rule, Reign, Go to War, Expand & Take Territory, Restore & Build Cities.

YOUR TERRITORY IS: Family, Workplace, City, Province, Country, etc.... (Your Sphere of Influence)

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Chronicles 29:11
 - a) What is the meaning of territory?
 - b) What is the meaning of domain?
 - c) What does scripture say concerning heaven and earth?
 - d) What does scripture say concerning the Kingdom?
 - e) Is heaven and earth God's Kingdom and Territory?
2. Read Daniel 4:17
 - a) Who rules in the kingdoms of men?
3. Read Acts 17:24-28
 - a) Where did God place man whom He created?
 - b) He also determined their _____
and the _____ of their _____.
 - c) Why did God do these things?
 - d) Has God given us territory?

NATION – GREEK – ETHNOS – G1484 - Probably from G1486; a *race* (as of the same *habit*), that is, a *tribe*; specifically a *foreign* (*non-Jewish*) one (usually by implication *pagan*): - Gentile, heathen, nation, people.

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OVERVIEW

Before Jesus ascended, He told His disciples, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Matthew 28:18

Jesus is now, the head of all principality and power. Colossians 2:10

The governmental authority of Jesus is given to the body of Christ. For scripture states *"I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."* Luke 10:19.

Part of the act of governing is ruling. Kings rule. Jesus rules through His Church.

The Lord said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool. The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! Psalm 110:1-2

It is the Governmental authority of Jesus in operation. The Kingdom of Light over the Kingdom of Darkness. A Spiritual Kingdom.

Jesus delegates Governmental authority to individuals for the administration of His Kingdom, and those who desire to serve in this capacity must be tested, and not be a novice.

Kingdom

Culture

KINGDOM CULTURE

Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10

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### CULTURE

- The customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of a racial, religious, or social group
- The set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes an institution or organization.

“Culture.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/culture>. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

### SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS

- A social institution is a group or organization that has specific roles, norms, and expectations, which functions to meet the social needs of society. The family, government, religion, education, and media are all examples of social institutions.

Nickerson, C. (2023, April 20). *Social Institutions In Sociology: Definition & Examples*. Retrieved from Simply Sociology: <https://simplysociology.com/social-institution.html>

A Culture shapes a Nation and its belief systems.

(This is important, as belief systems can be truth or error, if error they can become strongholds within a person’s mind. Their minds need to be renewed to the truth)

The Government is the overseer of all Institutions within a Nation. (They set the laws, rules, and guidelines to follow)

***Proverbs 29:2 “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when a wicked man rules, the people groan.”***

***Proverbs 14:34 “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”***

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 6:10
  - a) What is the meaning of culture?
  - b) How would you define the culture of the Kingdom of God?
  - c) What is the meaning of Social Institutions?
  - d) Does the Kingdom of God have Social Institutions or Social Forms?
2. Read Romans 12:1-2
  - a) What is our reasonable service?
  - b) What are we not to be conformed to?
  - c) How are we to be transformed?
  - d) Why are we to be renewed of our minds?
3. Read Ephesians 4:1-24
  - a) What is the meaning of futility?
  - b) Paul tells us concerning our former conduct to what?
  - c) Paul tells us to be renewed in what?
  - d) Paul tells us to put on what?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-17.
  - a) Paul tells us anyone who is in Christ Jesus is what?
5. Read Galatians 5:16-26
  - a) What are the works of the flesh?
  - b) What does the scripture state to those who practice such things?
  - c) What does scripture state to those who are Christ's?
6. Read 1 John 2:15-17
  - a) What does scripture tell us not to do?
  - b) If we love the world what does scripture state concerning the love of the Father?
  - c) Who abides forever?

## NOTES

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## NOTES

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## ECONOMY

***Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. Matthew 22:21***

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ECONOMY

- The structure or conditions of economic life in a country, area, or period.
Also: an economic system.
- Thrifty and efficient use of material resources: frugality in expenditures.
Also : an instance or a means of economizing: SAVING
- Efficient and concise use of nonmaterial resources (such as effort, language, or motion)
- The arrangement or mode of operation of something: ORGANIZATION
- A system especially of interaction and exchange
An economy of information.
- Archaic: the management of household or private affairs and especially expenses.

"Economy." Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/economy>. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

Malachi 3:10 "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house..."

2 Corinthians 9:7 "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Philippians 4:15 "Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only."

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 22:15-22
 - a) What is the meaning of economy?
 - b) Should we be paying taxes according to this scripture?
2. Read Genesis 14:18-20
 - a) To whom did Abraham give a tithe?
 - b) Was the tithe instituted before the law?
3. Read Malachi 3:8-12
 - a) What is a tithe?
 - b) What is the storehouse?
 - c) What are the blessings one will receive for giving of the tithe?
4. Read 1Timothy 5:3-8.
 - a) What does scripture state if one does not provide for his own?
5. Read 1Timothy 5:17-18.
 - a) What does this scripture say concerning the laborer?
6. Read Ephesians 4:28
 - a) What is the admonition to individuals?
 - b) What is one reason why we labor?
7. Read Luke 6:38
 - a) What is the blessing for one who gives?

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FAMILY

For this reason, I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named."

Ephesians 3:14-15

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**FAMILY – GREEK – PATRIA** – G3965 - As if feminine of a derivative of G3962; paternal *descent*, that is, (concretely) a *group* of families or a whole *race* (*nation*): - family, kindred, lineage.

***Matthew 12:48-50 (Jesus) answered and said..."Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven, is My brother and sister and mother."***

***1 John 4:20 "If someone says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar. For he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen"?***

***1 John 4:21 "And this commandment we have from Him. That he who loves God must love his brother also."***

***Ephesians 6:1-3 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth."***

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Ephesians 3:14-15
  - a) What is the meaning of family?
  - b) Who is the family of God mentioned in scripture?
2. Read Matthew 12:48-50
  - a) Who does Jesus say is our family?
  - b) What was the condition Jesus stated to being a part of the family?
3. Read 1 John 3:10-18.
  - a) What does scripture say concerning the children of the devil and the children of God?
  - b) He who does not love his brother abides in what?
  - c) We should not only love in word and tongue but in what?
4. Read 1 John 4:20-21.
  - a) What is the commandment stated in this scripture?
5. Read Ephesians 6:1-3
  - a) What does this scripture state to children?
  - b) What is the promise to the children who obey their parents?
6. Read Matthew 18:15-17
  - a) What is the process of dealing with a brother who sins against you?

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## EDUCATION

***And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry. Ephesians 4:11-12***

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EQUIP

- To furnish for service or action by appropriate provisioning
Equip an army.
- DRESS, ARRAY
- To make ready: PREPARE

“Equip.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster,
<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/equip>. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

DISCIPLE

- One who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another.

“Disciple.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster,
<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/disciple>. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

TRADITION

- The handing down of information, beliefs, and customs by word of mouth or by example from one generation to another without written instruction.
- Cultural continuity in social attitudes, customs, and institutions.

“Tradition.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster,
<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/tradition>. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

Matthew: 28:19-20 “Go, ye therefore, and teach all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you”

Deuteronomy 6:7 “You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”

Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Ephesians 4:11-14
 - a) What is the meaning of equip?
 - b) What is the meaning of disciple?
 - c) What is the meaning of tradition?
 - d) What are the five-fold ministries given to the church?
 - e) Do these ministries have a governing function? (Page #74-77)
 - f) What is their purpose?

- 2. Read Hebrews 5:12-14
 - a) What is meant by “You have come to need milk”?
 - b) What is meant by “Solid Food”?

- 3. Read Acts 17:10-12
 - a) What did the Bereans do when Paul and Silas taught in the synagogue of the Jews?
 - b) According to the Bereans what should we as disciples of Christ be doing as well?

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EDUCATION (DOCTRINE)

“Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.” Hebrews 6:1-2

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### DOCTRINE

- A principal or position or the body of principals in a branch of knowledge or system of belief.

“Doctrine.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/doctrine>. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

### PHARISEE

- A member of a Jewish sect of the intertestamental period noted for strict observance of rites and ceremonies of the written law and for insistence on the validity of their own oral traditions concerning the law.

“Pharisee.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/pharisee>. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

### SADDUCEE

- A member of a Jewish party of the intertestamental period consisting of a traditional ruling class of priests and rejecting doctrines not in the Law (such as resurrection, retribution in a future life, and the existence of angels)

“Sadducee.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/Sadducee>. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

***John 14:26 “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”***

**1 John 4:1 “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”**

**1 Timothy 4:1-2 “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron.”**

### STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Hebrews 6:1-2
  - a) What is the meaning of doctrine?
  - b) What is the meaning of Pharisee?
  - c) What is the meaning of Sadducee?
  - d) List the elementary principles of Christ.

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2. Read John 14:26
  - a) Who is our helper?
  - b) What will the Holy Spirit help us with?
3. Read Matthew 15:1-20
  - a) What did Jesus call the commandments the scribes and Pharisees were teaching?
  - b) What does he call the scribes and Pharisees?
  - c) What is the meaning of a hypocrite?
  - d) What was the prophesy Isaiah stated concerning the people?
  - e) What is the meaning of verse 10 & 11?
4. Read 1 John 4:1-6.
  - a) How do we know the spirit of God?
  - b) How do we know the spirit of Antichrist?
5. Read 1 Timothy 4:1-2
  - a) What does scripture state will happen in latter times?

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## RELIGION

***“...And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.  
Acts 11:26***

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RELIGION—GREEK—THRESKOS – G2357 - Probably from the base of G2360; *ceremonious* in worship (as *demonstrative*), that is, *pious*: - religious.

RELIGION

- A personal set or institutionalized system of religious attitudes, beliefs, and practices.
- The service and worship of God or the supernatural.
- Commitment or devotion to religious faith or observance.
- The state of a religious.
A nun in her 20th year of *religion*.
- A cause, principle, or system of beliefs held to with ardor and faith.
- archaic: scrupulous conformity: CONSCIENTIOUSNESS

“Religion.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/religion>. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

A KINGDOM WITH JESUS CHRIST AS THE KING

- Ruling and Reigning

A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH:

- God the Father
- Jesus As Friend
- The Holy Spirit as Teacher and Guide.

James 1:26 “If anyone among you thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless.”

James 1:27 “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this. To visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Acts 11:25-26
 - a) What is the meaning of Christian?
 - b) What is the meaning of religion?

2. Read James 1:26-27
 - a) Whose religion is useless according to scripture?

 - b) What is undefiled religion?

IT IS ALL ABOUT THE HEART!!!



As the deer pants for the water brooks,

So pants my soul for You, O God.

Psalm 42:1

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OVERVIEW

Once an individual accepts Jesus as their Lord and Savior, scripture states, *“He is a “New Creation, old things have passed away, behold, all things have become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17*

We no longer walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. The works of the flesh are worldly, *and those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. Those who are Christ’s crucify the flesh with its passions and desires. Galatians 5:21,24.*

Romans 12:1-2 states, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Notice the contrast between the Kingdom of God and the World’s systems.

Economy – *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:19-21*

Family – Jesus states, *“Who is My mother and who are My brothers?” And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.” Matthew 12:48-50*

Education & Doctrine – *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:31-32*

Religion – A Christian is a follower of Christ Jesus.

Kingdom Citizens

Identity

KINGDOM CITIZENS

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. 1 Peter 2:9-10

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### CITIZENSHIP

- Possession of the rights and privileges of a citizen.
- The quality of a person’s response to membership in a community.

“Citizenship.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/citizenship>. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

***Ephesians 2:12-13 “that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”***

Recall the Jews rejected Jesus when He came, and Jesus stated: ***“...the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.” Matthew 21:43***

### KINGDOM OF GOD HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM THE JEWISH NATION AND GIVEN TO BELIEVER’S IN JESUS

The scripture was to be fulfilled according to ***Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”***

***Philippians 3:20 “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”***

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Peter 2:9-10
  - a) What is the meaning of citizenship?
  - b) What are the descriptions given concerning the citizens of God?

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2. Read Ephesians 2:12-13
  - a) What is the meaning of aliens?
  - b) What changed that those being called aliens have now been brought near?
3. Read Matthew 21:43
  - a) Who has the Kingdom of God been taken from and given to?
4. Read Romans 11:11-29
  - a) Israel's fall was to provoke them to what?
  - b) Israel's casting away was what to the world?
  - c) Paul compares Israel to what?
  - d) Paul compares the Gentiles to what?
  - e) Who has been grafted into the olive tree?
  - f) Blindness has happened to Israel until when?
  - g) What is the future of Israel once the fullness of the Gentiles has come in?

## NOTES

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## THE BODY OF CHRIST—THE CHURCH

***“And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18 (KJV)***

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HELL – GREEK – HADES – G86 – From G1 (as a negative particle) and G1492; properly *unseen*, that is, “Hades” or the place (state) of departed souls: - grave, hell.

Acts 2:1-4 “When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

PENTECOST – GREEK – PENTEKOSTE – G4005 – Feminine of G4004; *fiftieth* (G2250 being implied) from Passover, that is, the festival of “pentecost”: - Pentecost.

DAY OF PENTECOST—THE CHURCH IS BORN THE HOLY SPIRIT IN-DWELLS THE BELIEVER

John 3:5 “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

Acts 1:5 “for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 16:13-18
 - a) What is the meaning of Hell?
 - b) What is the meaning of the statement "On this rock I will build My Church"?
 - c) What is the meaning of the statement "The gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."?

2. Read Matthew 7:24-27
 - a) What is the house representative of?
 - b) What is the meaning of a wise man building his house on the rock?
 - c) What is the meaning of a foolish man who builds his house on sand?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
 - a) Who is the rock?

4. Read Acts 2:1-4
 - a) What is the meaning of Pentecost?
 - b) What happened on the Day of Pentecost?

5. Read Leviticus 23:15-17
 - a) Feast of Weeks is a prophetic pattern to Pentecost and the birth of the Church.

6. Read John 3:5 & Acts 1:5
 - a) What does "born of water and the Spirit" mean?

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THE BODY OF CHRIST—THE CHURCH

“For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.”

1 Corinthians 12:12

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**CHURCH – GREEK – EKKLESIA – G1577** – From a compound of G1537 and a derivative of G2564; a *calling out*, that is, (concretely) a popular *meeting*, especially a religious *congregation* (Jewish *synagogue*, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both): - assembly, church. (Matthew 16:18)

**1 Corinthians 12:13-14** *“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free — and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many.”*

**1 Corinthians 12:21-25** *“And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you, nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor, and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.*

**1 Corinthians 12:27** *“Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.”*

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 21-25,27.
  - a) What is the meaning of church?
  - b) What is the body of Christ compared to?
  - c) Each part of the body has a different \_\_\_\_\_ and is a needed part of that body.
  
2. Read Hebrews 10:23-25
  - a) What does the scripture state to not forsake what?
  - b) Why is the body to assemble?

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3. Read Matthew 18:20
  - a) What is the promise where two or three are gathered in Jesus' name?
  
4. Within a city there are many congregations who gather in the name of Jesus.
  - a) Are we all one body in Christ?
  - b) Do each of these individual congregations need each other?

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## THE INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT

***“If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever***

***— John 14:15-16 (KJV)***

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COMFORTER – GREEK – PARAKLETOS — G3875 – An intercessor, consoler: - advocate, comforter.

Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

John 14:17 “the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”

John 16:7-11 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”

John 14:26 “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read John 14:15-17
 - a) Who is the Comforter that Jesus refers to?
 - b) Who is the Holy Spirit?

- c) Where does the Holy Spirit reside?
2. Read Acts 2:38
 - a) How do we receive the Holy Spirit?
3. Read John 14:17
 - a) What is another name given to the Holy Spirit?
 - b) Why can the world not receive Him?
4. Read John 16:7-11
The Holy Spirit will convict the world of:
 - a) Sin – Why?
 - b) Righteousness – Why?
 - c) Judgment – Why?
5. Read John 14:26
 - a) How will the Holy Spirit help us according to this scripture?

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THE TEMPLE OF GOD

“For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” 2 Corinthians 6:16

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***1 Corinthians 3:16-17 “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.”***

***Ephesians 1:13-14 “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.”***

***Ephesians 2:19-22 “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”***

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 2 Corinthians 6:16
  - a) What is the meaning of temple?
  - b) Who does Paul say we are?
  - c) What does God say He will do?

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2. According to 1 Corinthians 3:16-17
  - a) What does this scripture say the temple of God is?
3. Read Ephesians 1:13-14
  - a) We are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is?
4. Read Ephesians 2:19-22
  - a) Who is the whole building?
  - b) What does the whole building do?

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## THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

***“For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.”***

***Ephesians 5:30-32***

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Ephesians 5:25-27 “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.”

John 3:29 “He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice.”

2 Corinthians 11:2 “For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.”

Revelations 19:7-9 “...For the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Ephesians 5:22-32
 - a) What is the overall analogy in this scripture?
 - b) What is the analogy between Wives to their Husbands and Christ and the Church?
 - c) What is the analogy between Husbands to their wives and Christ and the Church?
 - d) What is the analogy concerning a man leaving his father and mother to Christ and the Church?
2. Read John 3:29
 - a) Who is the bride in this scripture?
 - b) Who is the bridegroom?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 11:2
 - a) Who is the husband in this scripture?
 - b) Who is the chaste virgin in this scripture?
4. Read Revelation 19:7-9
 - a) Who is the lamb in this scripture?
 - b) Who is the lamb's wife?

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THE ARMY OF GOD

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12

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**WRESTLE – GREEK – PALE – G3823 –** From pallō (to *vibrate*; another form for G906); wrestling: - + wrestle.

**WRESTLE – GREEK – BALLO – G906 –** A primary verb; to *throw* (in various applications, more or less violent or intense): - arise, cast (out), X dung, lay, lie, pour, put (up), send, strike, throw (down), thrust. Compare G4496.

### **WRESTLE**

- To contend by grappling with and striving to trip or throw an opponent down or off balance.
- To combat an opposing tendency or force.
- To engage in deep thought, consideration, or debate.
- to engage in or as if in a violent or determined struggle.

“Wrestle.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/wrestle>. Accessed 25 Apr. 2023.

***Ephesians 6:13 “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”***

***Ephesians 6:14 “Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness.”***

***Ephesians 6:15 “And having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.”***

***Ephesians 6:16 “Above all, taking the shield of faith with which, you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.”***

***Ephesians 6:17 “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”***

***Ephesians 6:18 “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.”***

### STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Ephesians 6:10-12
  - a) What is the meaning of wrestle?
  - b) Who do the saints of God wrestle against?
2. Read Ephesians 6:13-18
  - a) List the armor of God and explain its' purpose.
3. Read 2 Timothy 2:3-4
  - a) Are we as children of God enlisted as soldiers for Christ?
  - b) What are we not to be involved in?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
  - a) What is the meaning of carnal weapons?
  - b) What is the meaning of strongholds?  
(Look under A Kingdom has A Culture- Pg. #92)
  - c) What does “Casting Down” mean?

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## THE CITY OF GOD

***“...Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife. And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God.” Revelation 21:9-10***

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CITY – GREEK – POLIS – G4172 – Probably from the same as G4171, or perhaps from G4183; a *town* (properly with walls, of greater or less size): - city

CITY

- An inhabited place of greater size, population, or importance than a town or village.
- An incorporated municipal unit of the highest class in Canada.
- The people of a city.

“City.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/city>. Accessed 25 Apr. 2023.

Matthew 5:14 “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.”

Hebrews 11:9-10 “By faith he (Abraham) dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Revelation 21:9-10
 - a) What is the meaning of city?
 - b) What is the analogy in this scripture?
2. Read Matthew 5:14
 - a) What is the analogy in this scripture?
3. Read Hebrews 11:9-10
 - a) Who is the foundation of the city?
 - b) Who is the builder and maker of the city?

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AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

“Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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**AMBASSADOR—GREEK—PRESBEUO** — G 4243 – the base of G4245; to be a *senior*, that is, (by implication) *act as a representative* (figuratively *preacher*): - be an ambassador.

### AMBASSADOR

- An official envoy, *especially*: a diplomatic agent of the highest rank accredited to a foreign government or sovereign as the resident representative of his or her own government or sovereign or appointed for a special and often temporary diplomatic assignment.

“Ambassador.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/ambassador>. Accessed 25 Apr. 2023.

### REPRESENTATIVE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

***Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”***

***Matthew 5:14-16 “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”***

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:20
  - a) What is the meaning of ambassador?
  - b) What is the message we are to be giving?
2. Read Acts 1:8
  - a) How are we to represent the Kingdom of God?
  - b) Where are we to be witnesses for Christ?
  - c) Where is our Jerusalem?
  - d) Where is our Judea? And Samaria?
3. Read Matthew 5:14-16
  - a) How are we to represent the Kingdom of God?

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## SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH

***“To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Both theirs and ours.”***

***1 Corinthians 1:2***

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SAINTS—GREEK—HAGIOS – G40 – compare G53, [H2282]; *sacred* (physically *pure*, morally *blameless* or *religious*, ceremonially *consecrated*): - (most) holy (one, thing), saint.

SANCTIFIED – GREEK – HAGIAZO – G37 – From G40; to *make holy*, that is, (ceremonially) *purify* or *consecrate*; (mentally) to *venerate*: - hallow, be holy, sanctify.

Ephesians 1:1 “...To the saints who are in Ephesus and faithful in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 1:1 “...To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi...

Colossians 1:2 “To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse.”

1 Corinthians 6:1 “Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?

1 Corinthians 6:2 “Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Corinthians 1:2
 - a) What is the meaning of saint?
 - b) What is the meaning of sanctified?
 - c) Who are the saints?
2. The letters to the churches of the Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians are addressed to whom?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 6:1-6
 - a) Where should saints be going pertaining to judgments?
 - b) Who does Paul state the saints will be judging?
 - c) What was Paul's condemnation to the brethren?
4. Read 1 Peter 1:15-16
 - a) What is required concerning our conduct?

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STEWARDS OF THE MOST HIGH

“Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.” 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

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**STEWARD — GREEK — OIKONOMOS — G3623** — From G3624 and the base of G3551; a *house distributor* (that is, *manager*), or *overseer*, that is, an employee in that capacity; by extension, a *fiscal agent* (*treasurer*); figuratively a *preacher* (of the Gospel): - chamberlain, governor, steward.

***Colossians 1:25 “of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you.”***

***1 Peter 4:10 “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”***

***Luke 12:42-43 “...Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.”***

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Corinthians 4:1-2
  - a) What is the meaning of steward?
  - b) What does Paul say we are to be stewards of?
  - c) What is required of stewards?
2. Read Colossians 1:24-29
  - a) What is Paul's stewardship?
3. Read 1 Peter 4:10
  - a) What is required of a steward in this scripture?
4. Read Luke 12:42-43
  - a) What is required of a steward in this scripture?

## NOTES

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## KINGDOM CITIZENS ARE

**PRIESTS OF GOD:** *"You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5*

**KINGS OF GOD:** *"...and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father..." Revelation 1:6*

**SONS & HEIRS OF GOD:** *"Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ." Galatians 4:7*

**NEW CREATION IN CHRIST JESUS:** *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17*



## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Ezekiel 22:30
  - a) What does make a wall and stand in the gap mean?
  - b) What is the function of a priest in this scripture?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:5
  - a) What is a spiritual sacrifice?
3. Read Psalm 110:1-2
  - a) What is the function of a king in this scripture?

**RULE – GREEK – RADAH** – H7287 – A primitive root; to *tread* down, that is, *subjugate*; specifically to *crumble* off: - (come to, make to) have dominion, prevail against, reign, (bear, make to) rule, (-r, over), take.

(See page #66, has the same meaning as Dominion, taken from Genesis 1:26)

(See page #67, meaning of rule from the Merriam Webster Dictionary)

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## OVERVIEW

Scripture gives us a detailed understanding of our identity. The main take away is that our Identity is found in Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith. Hebrews 12:2

Jesus is the head of His body, the church, and from whom we are members individually. 1 Corinthians 12:27

*For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said, I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 2 Corinthians 6:16.*

**The Bride of Christ** who is making herself ready for her Lord. Revelation 19:7.

**The Army of God** enlisted as soldiers for Christ. 2 Timothy 2:4.

**The City of God** the community of believers.

Kingdom Citizens

Lifestyle

## SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

***“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness ...”***

***Matthew 6:33***

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RIGHTEOUSNESS – GREEK – DIKAIOSUNE – G1343 - From G1342; *equity* (of character or act); specifically (Christian) *justification*: - righteousness.

PEACE – GREEK – EIRENE – G1515 - Probably from a primary verb (to *join*); *peace* (literally or figuratively); by implication *prosperity*: - one, peace, quietness, rest, + set at one again.

JOY – GREEK – CHARA – G5479 - From G5463; *cheerfulness*, that is, calm *delight*: - gladness, X greatly, (X be exceeding) joy (-ful, -fully, -fulness, -ous)

VIOLENCE – GREEK – BIAZO – G971 = From G970; to *force*, that is, (reflexively) to *crowd oneself* (into), or (passively) to *be seized*: - press, suffer violence.

VIOLENT – GREEK – BIASTES – G973 - From G971; a *forcer*, that is, (figuratively) *energetic*: - violent.

Romans 14:17 “For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

Luke 17:20 “Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation.”

Luke 17:21 “Nor will they say, “See here! or See there!” For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.”

Matthew 11:12 “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.”

The Scribes and Pharisees were teaching the people to observe the laws and teachings and doctrines of men. (Religious Spirit)

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 6:31-34
 - a) What are we to be seeking first?
 - b) What does the Lord tell us not to worry about?
2. Read Romans 14:17
 - a) What is the Kingdom of God?
 - b) What is the meaning of righteousness?
 - c) What is the meaning of peace?
 - d) What is the meaning of joy?
3. Read Luke 17:20-21
 - a) How does the kingdom of God come?
 - b) Where does the kingdom reside?
4. Read Matthew 11:12
 - a) What is the meaning of violence?
 - b) What is the meaning of violent?
 - c) What is the meaning of the "Kingdom suffers violence, and the violent take it by force"?
5. Read Matthew 23:1-36
 - a) What does Jesus call the Scribes and Pharisees?
 - b) Jesus told the Scribes and Pharisees that they shut up the kingdom of heaven against men, for neither they go in, nor did they allow those who are entering to go in. Why?
 - c) What is the meaning of Verse 25-26?
 - d) What is the meaning of Verse 27-28?
 - e) What was the condemnation pronounced by Jesus to the Scribes and Pharisees?

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TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, if anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

Matthew 16:24

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**CROSS – GREEK – STAUROS – G-4716** - From the base of G2476; a *stake* or *post* (as set upright), that is, (specifically) a *pole* or *cross* (as an instrument of capital punishment); figuratively *exposure to death*, that is, *self denial*; by implication the *atonement* of Christ: - cross.

***Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."***

***Galatians 5:24 "And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."***

***Galatians 6:14 "But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."***

***1 John 2:15-17 "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."***

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 16:24-25
  - a) What is the meaning of "Take Up Your Cross"?
  - b) What is meant by "Whoever loses his life for My sake will find it"?
  
2. Read Galatians 2:20
  - a) What are we to crucify according to this scripture?  
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3. Read Philippians 2:3-4
  - a) What is the focus of this scripture?
  
4. Read Galatians 5:24
  - a) What are we to crucify according to this scripture?  
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5. Read Galatians 5:19
  - a) The works of the flesh can be listed under four headings.
    1. Sexual Immorality
    2. Occult
    3. All wrong attitudes & relationships
    4. Sensual self indulgences
  
6. Read Galatians 6:14
  - a) What are we to crucify according to this scripture?  
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7. Read 1 John 2:15-17
  - a) What is the warning in this scripture?
  - b) What are lusts of the flesh?
  - c) What are lusts of the eyes?
  - d) What is the pride of life?

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## FAITH

***“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen...By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.” Hebrews 11:1***

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FAITH—GREEK—PISTIS – G4102 - From G3982; *persuasion*, that is, *credence*; moral *conviction* (of *religious* truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially *reliance* upon Christ for salvation; abstractly *constancy* in such profession; by extension the system of religious (Gospel) *truth* itself: - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

SALVATION – GREEK – SOTERIA – G4991 - Feminine of a derivative of G4990 as (properly abstract) noun; *rescue* or *safety* (physically or morally): - deliver, health, salvation, save, saving. (Romans 10:10)

Romans 10:8 “But what does it say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach)”

Romans 10:9 “That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:10 “For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

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

Galatians 3:11 “But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for the just shall live by faith.”

Mark 5:34 “...Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed of your affliction.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Hebrews 11:1
 - a) What is the meaning of faith?
2. Read Romans 10:8-17
 - a) What is the word of faith that is preached?
 - b) With the _____ one believes unto _____, and with the _____ is made unto _____
 - c) What is the meaning of salvation?
 - d) How does faith come?
3. Read Galatians 3:11, 21-25
 - a) How are the just to live?
 - b) Is the law against the promises of God?
 - c) What was the law used for?
4. Read Mark 5:25-34
 - a) How does faith work?
5. Read Mark 9:14-29
 - a) When the disciples could not cast out the demon what did Jesus say about that generation?
 - b) Verse 23 states what? (Remember this scripture!)
 - c) How did the father respond?
 - d) Was the child healed?
 - e) The disciples asked Jesus why they could not cast out the demon. What was Jesus' response?

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FELLOWSHIP

“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:9

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**FELLOWSHIP—GREEK— Koinonia** — G2842 - From G2844; *partnership*, that is, (literally) *participation*, or (social) *intercourse*, or (pecuniary) *benefaction*: - (to) *communicate* (-ation), *communion*, (*contri-*), *distribution*, *fellowship*.

***Acts 2:42 “And they continued steadfastly in the apostle’s doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”***

***1 John 1:6-7 “If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”***

***2 Corinthians 6:14 “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?***

***Ephesians 5:11 “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.”***

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Corinthians 1:9
  - a) What is the meaning of fellowship?
2. Read Acts 2:42
  - a) How do we experience fellowship?
3. Read 1 John 1:6-7
  - a) What does walk in darkness mean?
  - b) What does walk in the light mean?
  - c) When do we have fellowship with Jesus and one another?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14
  - a) What is the meaning of "Do not be unequally yoked?"
5. Read Ephesians 5:8-13
  - a) What are the unfruitful works of darkness?
  - b) What are we to do with unfruitful works of darkness?

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## LOVE

***"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."***

***Matthew 22:37-39***

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AGAPE LOVE

Selfless universal love, such as the love for strangers, nature, or God. This love is unconditional, bigger than ourselves, a boundless compassion and an infinite empathy that you extend to everyone, whether they are family members or distant strangers.

A, G. (2020, February 14). *Greek City Times*. Retrieved from Greek City Times: <https://greekcitytimes.com/2020/02/14/the-8-ancient-greek-words-for-love/>

John 13:35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Matthew 5:44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you."

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing."

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 "Love suffers long and is kind, love does not envy, love does not parade itself, is not puffed up, does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil, does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails..."

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 22:34-40
 - a) What is the first and great commandment?
 - b) What is the second great commandment?
 - c) What does Jesus say concerning these two commandments?
 - d) What is the meaning of agape love?
2. Read Luke 10:29-37
 - a) Who is our neighbor?
3. Read John 13:35
 - a) What is the testimony to all peoples when brothers and sisters in the Lord love one another?
4. Read Matthew 5:44
 - a) What is the requirement to disciples concerning our enemies?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8
 - a) What will profit a believer over all gifts?
 - b) What is the definition of love in this scripture?
 - c) What is the end of the matter?
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PRAYER

“...Is it not written, My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations?... Mark 11:17

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***Matthew 6:9-13 “In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”***

***1 Timothy 2:1-2 “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.”***

***Matthew 6:6 “But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”***

***Romans 8:26 “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”***

***Matthew 21:22 “And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”***

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Mark 11:15 -17
  - a) What is a house of prayer?
2. Read Matthew 6:9-13
  - a) Break this prayer down by subject and discuss.
  - b) Example: Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name
3. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2
  - a) What are supplications?
  - b) What are prayers?
  - c) What are intercessions?
  - d) What is giving of thanks?
  - e) Why are we to do these things?
4. Read Matthew 6:6
  - a) Why should we pray in the secret place?
5. Read Romans 8:26
  - a) Who helps us when we do not know what to pray?
6. Read Matthew 21:22
  - a) What is the promise to those who ask in prayer believing?

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## WORKS

***“For as the body without the spirit is dead,  
so, faith without works is dead also.”***

***James 2:26***

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WORKS – GREEK – ERGON – G2041 - (a primary but obsolete word; to work); *toil* (as an effort or occupation); by implication an *act*: - deed, doing, labour, work.

Matthew 5:16 “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

John 14:12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 4:28 “Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.”

Titus 1:16 “They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.”

1 John 3:8 “He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read James 2:14-26
 - a) What is meant by works within this scripture?
 - b) Will faith work without works?
 - c) Will faith work with our works?
 - d) How was Abraham justified by works?
 - e) How was Rahab justified by works?
2. Read Matthew 5:16
 - a) Why does the Lord want our light to shine before men?
3. Read John 14:12
 - a) What types of works will we be doing that Jesus talks about?
4. Read Ephesians 2:10
 - a) What types of works should we be walking in?
5. Read Ephesians 4:28
 - a) What is one reason we should be working?
6. Read Titus 1:16
 - a) What disqualifies individuals from good works?
7. Read 1 John 3:8
 - a) In one word what is the work of the devil?

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WORSHIP

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.” John 4:23

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**WORSHIP—GREEK— PROSKUNEO** – G4352 - From G4314 and probably a derivative of G2965 (meaning to *kiss*, like a dog *licking* his master’s hand); to *fawn* or *crouch to*, that is, (literally or figuratively) *prostrate* oneself in homage (*do reverence to, adore*): - worship.

***John 4:24 “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”***

***Matthew 15:7-9 “Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying; These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”***

***Psalm 29:2 “Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.”***

***Psalm 95:6 “Oh come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.”***

***Psalm 22:27 “All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.”***

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read John 4:23-24
  - a) What is the meaning of worship?
  - b) What is meant by, to worship the Father in spirit and truth?
2. Read Matthew 15:7-9
  - a) What does Jesus call those people whose hearts are far from Him?
3. Read Psalm 29:2
  - a) How can we worship the Lord according to this scripture?
4. Read Psalm 95:6
  - a) How can we worship the Lord according to this scripture?

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## WALK IN KINGDOM POWER

***“For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.”***

**1 Corinthians 4:20**

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POWER—GREEK—DUNAMIS— G1411 - From G1410; *force* (literally or figuratively); specifically miraculous *power* (usually by implication a *miracle* itself): - ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

1 Thessalonians 1:5 “For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.”

Ephesians 3:20 “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.”

2 Timothy 3:5 “Having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Corinthians 4:20
 - a) What is the meaning of power?
 - b) What is meant by "The Kingdom of God is not in word but in power?"
2. Read Acts 1:8
 - a) By whom do we receive power?
 - b) Why are we given the Holy Spirit with power?
3. Read Romans 1:16
 - a) What is the gospel of Christ?
4. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:5
 - a) The gospel came to the Thessalonians in what?
5. Read Ephesians 3:20
 - a) What is the power that works in us?
6. Read 2 Timothy 3:1-9
 - a) What is having a form of godliness but denying its power mean?
 - b) Who are the people referenced in this scripture?
 - c) What does scripture tell us to do concerning these individuals?

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WALK IN THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.”

1Corinthians 12:4-7.

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**GIFTS – GREEK – CHARISMA** – G5486 - From G5483; a (divine) *gratuity*, that is, *deliverance* (from danger or passion); (specifically) a (spiritual) *endowment*, that is, (subjectively) religious *qualification*, or (objectively) miraculous *faculty*: - (free) gift.

**MINISTER – GREEK – DIAKONEO** – G1247 - From G1249; to *be an attendant*, that is, *wait upon* (menially or as a host, friend or [figuratively] teacher); technically to *act as a Christian deacon*: - (ad-) minister (unto), serve, use the office of a deacon.

***1 Corinthians 12:8 “For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit.”***

***1 Corinthians 12:9 “To another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit.”***

***1 Corinthians 12:10 “To another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.***

***1 Corinthians 12:11 “But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”***

***1 Peter 4:10 “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”***

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
  - a) What is the meaning of gifts?
  - b) The manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for what purpose?
2. Manifestation Gifts  
(The Holy Spirit Manifests Himself through the members of the Church)
  - a) What are the nine gifts found in 1 Corinthians 12:8-11?
  - b) Who distributes the gifts to each one individually?
3. Administrative Gifts  
(The Holy Spirit Administrates in the Church)
  - a) What are the Administrative gifts found in Ephesians 4:7-13?
  - b) How are these gifts used?
4. Ministry Gifts  
(The Holy Spirit Operates through the Church)
  - a) List the Ministry gifts found in Romans 12:3-8
  - b) How are these gifts used?
5. Read 1 Peter 4:10
  - a) What is the meaning of minister?
  - b) What should we be doing with the gift we each have received?
  - c) How do we minister to one another the gifts?

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## WALK IN THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

***For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.”  
Ephesians 5:9***

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Galatians 5:22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.”

Galatians 5:23 “Gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

Galatians 5:24 “And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

Galatians 5:25 “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Matthew 12:33 “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad. For a tree is known by its fruit.”

John 15:1-4 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Ephesians 5:9
 - a) The fruit of the Spirit is in all what?

2. Read Galatians 5:22-25
 - a) What are the nine fruits of the spirit.
3. Read Matthew 12:33
 - a) What is a tree representative of?
4. Read John 15:1-8
 - a) Who is the vine?
 - b) Who is the vinedresser?
 - c) Who are the branches?
 - d) What must the branches do to continue to bear fruit?
 - e) How do we abide in the vine?

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WALK IN UNITY

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalm 133:1

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**UNITY— HEBREW — YACHAD** – G3162 - From H3161; properly a *unit*, that is, (adverbially) *unitedly*: - alike, at all (once), both, likewise, only, (al-) together, withal.

**DWELL – HEBREW – YASHAB** – H3427 - A primitive root; properly to *sit* down (specifically as judge, in ambush, in quiet); by implication to *dwell*, to *remain*; causatively to *settle*, to *marry*: - (make to) abide (-ing), continue, (cause to, make to) dwell (-ing), ease self, endure, establish, X fail, habitation, haunt, (make to) inhabit (-ant), make to keep [house], lurking, X marry (-ing), (bring again to) place, remain, return, seat, set (-tle), (down-) sit (-down, still, -ting down, -ting [place] -uate), take, tarry.

***Psalm 133:2 “It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down the beard. The beard of Aaron. Running down on the edge of his garments.”***

***Psalm 133:3 “It is like the dew of Hermon descending upon the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord commanded the blessing, Life forevermore.”***

***Ephesians 4:3 “Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”***

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Psalm 133:1-3
  - a) What does dwell in unity mean?
  - b) How is to dwell together in unity like the precious oil upon the head, running down the beard of Aaron, and the edge of his garments?
  - c) How is to dwell together in unity like the dew of Hermon descending upon the mountains of Zion?
  - d) When brethren dwell together in unity what is the blessing?
2. Read Ephesians 4:11-13
  - a) As it pertains to unity, why did the Lord give the five - fold ministry to the body?
  - b) What does unity of the faith mean?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
  - a) How would you define unity in diversity?
4. Read Ephesians 4:1-6
  - a) What does "Endeavoring to keep the unity in the Spirit in the bond of peace mean"?

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## **IT IS ALL ABOUT THE HEART!**

1. The Kingdom of God is in your heart.
2. The Kingdom of God is in your heart with all:  
Righteousness  
Peace  
Joy  
In the Holy Spirit
3. The Holy Spirit resides in your heart with Power.
4. The just shall live by faith.  
Believing with the heart  
Confessing with the mouth.
5. Worship the Lord in Spirit (heart) and Truth.
6. Love the Lord our God and our Neighbor as Ourselves.

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 5:8
  - a) Who are the blessed of God?
2. Read Matthew 5:21-22
  - a) What is the judgment to those who are angry without cause toward their brethren?
  - b) Where does anger originate from?
3. Read Matthew 5:27-30
  - a) What is the judgement to those who lust after another?
  - b) Where does lust originate from?
4. Read Matthew 15:8
  - a) What does the Lord say concerning these people?
5. Read Romans 2:28-29
  - a) Circumcision is that of what?
  - b) A Jew is one where?
6. Read 1 Samuel 16:7
  - a) What did the Lord say to Samuel not to look upon?
  - b) How does the Lord look upon man?

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## OVERVIEW

The lifestyle of believers in Christ can be summed up in this one scripture. *Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Matthew 6:33*

*For indeed, the Kingdom of God is within you. In our hearts. Luke 17:21*

*We are to keep our hearts with all diligence. For out of it spring the issues of life. Proverbs 4:23*

Scripture teaches us how to live a righteous life:

- To take up our Cross Daily.
- To walk by faith and not by sight.
- To have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but expose them.
- To love the Lord our God with all our heart and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
- Supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men.
- To show our faith by our works.
- To worship the Father in spirit and truth.
- Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

*But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, 'Be holy, for I am holy.' 1 Peter 1:16-16*

The gifts of the Spirit are given for the profit of all. We are to exercise these gifts for the glory of God.

Cities  
of  
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## CITIES OF REFUGE

### A CITY IS A PLACE OF GOVERNMENT

(The Body of Christ)

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Genesis 11:3 6 "Then they said to one another, Come let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly. They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar."

"Genesis 11:4 "And they said, Come let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

Genesis 11:5 "But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built."

Genesis 11:6 "And the Lord said, Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them."

CITIES OF REFUGE—Places of His Presence & Power & Unity.

JEHOVAH SHAMMAH—The Lord Is There, The Lord Who Is Present.
Ezekiel 48:35

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Genesis 11:3-6

- a) What were the materials used by the sons of men to build a city?
- b) Why were the sons of men building a city?
- c) What does the Lord say concerning the city the sons of men are building?

2. Read Numbers 35

- a) What does the Lord tell Moses for the children of Israel to do?
- b) Of the cities given to the Levites, how many were to be appointed as cities of refuge?
- c) What was the purpose for a city of refuge?
- d) Who was to judge between the manslayer and the avenger of blood?
- e) The judgement was concerning the shedding of _____ and the defilement of _____.
- f) Are Cities of Refuge places of Government?

3. Read 1 Peter 2:4-5

- a) How does the Lord build His city?
- b) How do the living stones build His city?
- c) Will anything be withheld from the sons of God when brethren are in unity of purpose?

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Kingdom Mandate

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KINGDOM MANDATE

GO!

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” Mark 16:15-16

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### MANDATE

- An authoritative command.
- An authorization to act given to a representative.
- To direct or require (someone) to do something.

“Mandate.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/mandate>. Accessed 25 Apr. 2023.

***Matthew 28:19-20 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”***

***Mark 16:17-18 “And these signs will follow those who believe. In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”***

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What is the meaning of mandate?
2. Read Mark 16:15-16
  - a) What is the mandate in this scripture?
  - b) What is the gospel we are to preach?
3. Read Matthew 28:19-20
  - a) What is the mandate in this scripture?

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4. Read Mark 16:17-18
  - a) What are the signs that will follow those who believe?

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## SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

***“But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.” 2 Corinthians 10:13 (KJV)***

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RULE – GREEK - KANON – G2583 - From kane (a straight *reed*, that is, *rod*); a *rule* (“*canon*”), that is, (figuratively) a *standard* (of faith and practice); by implication a *boundary*, that is, (figuratively) a *sphere* (of activity): - line, rule.

2 Corinthians 10:14 “For we are not overextending ourselves (as though our authority did not extend to you), for it was to you that we came with the gospel of Christ.”

2 Corinthians 10:15 “Not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, in other men’s labors, but having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere.”

2 Corinthians 10:16 “To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man’s sphere of accomplishment.”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 2 Corinthians 10:13-16
 - a) What is the meaning of rule in this scripture?
 - b) Who distributed the measure of rule to Paul?
 - c) To whom did Paul have a measure of rule?
 - d) Has God given each of us a measure of rule? Or sphere of influence or activity?
 - e) Read Page #86-87.

2. How do you take territory for the Kingdom within your sphere of influence?
 - a) Read Page #74 - Govern.
 - b) Read Page #162-163– Priests & Kings of God
Read Psalm 110:1-2 – Intercede & Rule
 - c) Read Page #70 – Meaning of Power (Authority)
Read Luke 10:17-20

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THE HARVEST

“Do you not say, there are still four months and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!” John 4:35

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**HARVEST – GREEK – THERISMOS – G2326** -From G2325; *reaping*, that is, the *crop*: - harvest.

**FIRSTFRUITS – GREEK – APARCHE – G536** - From a compound of G575 and G756; a *beginning* of sacrifice, that is, the (Jewish) *first fruit* (figuratively): - first-fruits.

**FIRSTFRUIT – HEBREW – RESHIYTH – H7225** - From the same as H7218; the *first*, in place, time, order or rank (specifically a *firstfruit*): - beginning, chief (-est), first (-fruits, part, time), principal thing. (Leviticus 23:10)

***Matthew 9:37 “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.”***

***Matthew 9:38 “Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”***

***Deuteronomy 11:14 “Then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.”***

***Zechariah 10:1 “Ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain. The Lord will make flashing clouds. He will give them showers of rain, grass in the field for everyone.”***

***Romans 8:23 “Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.”***

The former rain, prepares the ground for plowing and sowing. The latter rains provide the moisture that matures the grains and prepares them for harvest.

**THE RAIN IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SPIRIT  
THE DAY OF PENTECOST IS THE FIRSTFRUIT RAIN  
AND THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH**

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read John 4:34-38
  - a) What is the meaning of harvest?
  - b) What is the comparison Jesus is making in verse 35?
  - c) What is meant by "one Sows and another Reaps"?
2. Read Matthew 9:35-38
  - a) Jesus was showing us by example how to reach people by doing what?
  - b) When Jesus saw the people what was His attitude?
  - c) What did Jesus say concerning the people?
  - d) What are we admonished to do because of so few laborers?
3. Read Deuteronomy 11:14
  - a) What does rain accomplish for crops?
4. Read Acts 2:1-4
  - a) What is the day of Pentecost?

Read Acts 2:14-18

  - b) What does Joel say concerning the time of the giving of the Holy Spirit?
  - c) What are the signs of the giving of the Holy Spirit?

Read Acts 2:38-39

  - d) To whom is the promise of the Holy Spirit given?

Read Acts 2:40-42

  - a) How many souls were added to the church?
  - b) What does the Holy Spirit accomplish for crops?

### ***The Holy Spirit has come as the firstfruits of rain.***

5. Read Romans 8:23
  - a) What does the firstfruits of the Spirit mean?
6. Read Zechariah 10:1
  - a) What does scripture say we should pray to the Lord for?

### ***The Holy Spirit will pour out the fullness of the latter rain.***

7. Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-26
  - a) What is meant by "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive"?
  - b) What is meant by "But each one in his own order"?
  - c) What is meant by Christ the firstfruits?
  - d) At what other time will those in Christ be made alive?

## NOTES

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## OVERVIEW

The last words of Jesus to His disciples according to Mark's gospel before He was taken up from them were, *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned."* Mark 16:15-16

The gospel is the *"Good News"* concerning Jesus and His Kingdom.

How many people have been faithful to the mandate to *"GO"* into the world and preach the gospel? The gospel of Jesus and the Kingdom.

Are we preaching only part of the gospel? Are we on fire to preach Jesus, but forgetting to preach about the Kingdom? *The Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence and the violent were taking the Kingdom by force*, during the days of John the Baptist. Matthew 11:12

To take territory for the Kingdom of God requires commitment and a battle plan. *"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord."* Zechariah 4:6

Prayer is the battle plan. Utilizing *the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God*, (Ephesians 6:17) *which is living and powerful*, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)

Your sphere of influence is where the Lord has given you a measure of rule, over which you have authority in the spirit realm.

***We are to Govern, as Priests and Kings  
Interceding and Ruling  
with Authority***

Prayer will cleanse the atmosphere of darkness. The demonic activity in the heavenlies will be removed within our spheres of influence, to enable us to preach the gospel without hindrance, and establish the Kingdom of God within people's hearts.

*And these signs will follow those who believe. In My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues, they will take up serpents, and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.* Mark 16:17-18

## EPILOGUE

Congratulations! You have completed The Gospel of the Kingdom Study Guide.

*I thank My God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:3-6*

*May the Word of God be a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path. Psalm 119:105*

*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15*

### **Have You Accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior?**

*That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart, one believes unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:9-10*

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, I ask you now to come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. I repent of my sins Lord and ask you to forgive me. I believe that you are the Son of God, and You went to the cross to die for my sins. I thank You Lord, in Jesus' name I pray, amen.

