

“The Kingdom of God!”

Part 18: “My Kingdom is NOT of THIS world!”

John 18:33-40, 19:1-16, 20:24-31



Introduction: “There’s no place like HOME !!”

If “home” is where the heart is and where your “treasure” is, is where your heart is (Matthew 6:21) ... then where your heart and your treasure are is home !!

Since Jesus’ kingdom is not of this world His disciples must understand how to live in this world knowing that heaven is our home!!

Jesus calls His disciples to live IN this world knowing that this is not our home, that we are “strangers and exiles” here ... because heaven (where GOD is) is our home!

I. Believers must understand the spiritual nature of Christ’s kingdom!

John 18:33-38: “My kingdom is not of this world” ... “My kingdom is not from the world” (vs. 36).

Because Jesus’ kingdom is a spiritual kingdom, only those who are spiritually born again can enter it!

Ephesians 1:3-14: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places ...” (vs. 3).

When Jesus tells us to pray for His kingdom to come He is pointing us to the new heaven and the new earth, where the fullness of God’s spiritual kingdom, in absolute perfection, becomes a reality!!!

The “abundant life” Jesus promised is a living, vital relationship with the God who created us, who becomes, “*Abba, ’Father.*”

I John 1:1-4: “... so that you, too, may have fellowship with us; and indeed, our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ” (vs. 3).

Hebrews 11:13-16: “... they desire a better country, that is a heavenly one” (vs. 16).

II. Believers must consider the spiritual nature of Christ’s kingdom!

Matthew 16:24-27: “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?” (vs. 26).

You must apply this truth to every aspect of your life: The only part of this world that is part of Christ’s kingdom is the lives of those who are born again by HIS Spirit!

John 17:14-21: “They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world” (vss. 14,16).

Philippians 4:8-9,13: “... if there is anything worthy of praise, think about THESE things!” (vs. 8).

Romans 12:1-2: “Do not be conformed to THIS world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind ...” (vs. 2).

Colossians 3:23-24: “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men ... You are serving the Lord Christ!”

You are robbing YOURSELF of the “abundant life” of those whose minds are on Christ and His kingdom by setting your mind on the things of the world.

III. Believers must embrace the spiritual nature of Christ’s kingdom!

Many simply “play” at being a Christian ... but are spiritually “STUCK,” mired in the “mud” of religion because all they can see is what their physical eyes behold.

To “embrace” the spiritual nature of Christ’s kingdom is to accept the truth that you will not be HOME until Jesus returns!

Matthew 25:34: “Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world!”

II Corinthians 4:7-18: “So we do not lose heart ... as we look NOT to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For ... the things that are unseen are ETERNAL!” (vss. 16,18).

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