

**The Kingdom
of
GOD**

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INTRODUCTION

All of us are living here on earth and what we must not be ignorant of is that there is another life after this one here on earth and that it is more important as it has no end, that is, it is eternal. The life we live here on earth is therefore just too short.

Another fact is that many of us are worried more on this life on earth which is temporal, but our focus needs to be even more on the life ahead which has no end and to make all efforts towards where we would like to be for eternity. It is common knowledge that there are two kingdoms or governments with a ruler in each. The Government of God and the government of Satan (for more on these governments I recommend you read my other book entitled ‘ The Christian Walk’) and as for how life is after the life here on earth you can read my other book entitled ‘The Realities of Heaven and Hell.

In this book I will endeavour to specifically touch on the kingdom of God and the need for

each one of us to make all efforts to have it as God intended for all of us. This book is not exhaustive but it gives a glimpse of it to enable you to surely be in it at all cost (1 Corinthians 2:7-9).

I hope you have a wonderful and useful reading in Jesus' name, Amen.

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Chapter 1

It is eternal

In my introduction I stated that the kingdom of God has no end and that is what it is; it is eternal. This kingdom is also the kingdom of Christ as God the Father and God the Son are one (John 10:10). This kingdom is also known as the kingdom of light as Jesus Christ is light (John 8:12; 9:1-5, Colossians 1:13, Matthew 5:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-5). It is also known as the kingdom of heaven, as heaven is the dwelling place of God (Matthew 7:21). The kingdom of God is also the most valuable asset one can have in life as this scripture says (Matthew 13:44-46). At this juncture before we go to the scriptures touching on this kingdom which is eternal and is of God, we need to first take a look at the creation of man,

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the

fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7

Man was created by God in God's resemblance (image) and in God's (nature because God is a Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit) and because God is a Spirit, he is eternal. Man too, is a tripartite being with three parts – the body which is physical, the soul and the spirit which is spiritual (1 Corinthians 15:44). The soul being a product of the body and God's breath (which is eternal) and therefore the soul's state became eternal and that is what king Solomon son of David said in the book

of Ecclesiastes (Ecclesiastes 3:9-11) and went on and advised on to advise that one need to remember his Creator early enough in life, Why? Because the soul will return back to God at one's death and only the body will go back to the ground (Ecclesiastes 12:1-7). Apostle Paul in his epistle to the church in Thessalonica had the following to tell them.

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
Abstain from all appearance of evil'

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

. *1 Thessalonians 5:21-23*

We need to be blameless at the coming of Jesus Christ to take his holy Church. Our life has three parts namely, the spirit, the soul and the body. We all need to be saved so as to be kept blameless before God our Creator and to be with him in everlasting life in heaven. It is only by getting saved that we get into the

kingdom of God (John 3:16) Our souls matter a lot before God as the following scripture says.

For what is a man profiteth, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Matthew 16:26

Our soul is too precious to God our Creator and nothing in the world can be compared to it. Why? Because as I said earlier the soul is a product of God's spirit (his breath) and dust which is our body was made of – that is why at death both go back to their respective (original) source. Now look at this scripture.

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Proverbs 4:23

The issues of life come out of our souls and that is why the heart need to be greatly cared for as the soul is eternal having spiritual

content unlike the body which is purely physical and is therefore mortal.

So, we must be saved so as to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit and be helped in guarding our souls.

We must choose God's kingdom which is essentially the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ and we must allow him to begin to reign in us now on this earth before we be with him in the kingdom of his Father in heaven. Now let us go to the Scriptures and see what it has to say touching on this kingdom.

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

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgement and with justice

from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that **the high God** hath wrought toward me.

How great are his signs! And how mighty are his wonders! **his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,** and his dominion is from generation to generation.

Daniel 4:1-3

In the former scripture the prophet Isaiah gave a prophecy of that kingdom of Christ that it has no end. Now in this latter scripture a pagan king acknowledged that God's kingdom is an everlasting one.

He repeated the acknowledgement in verse 34.

Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of music brought before him:

Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel,

O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouth, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

And the king commanded, and they brought those men which has accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the majesty of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth;

Peace be multiplied unto you.

I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and steadfast forever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end.

Daniel 6:16-26

King Darius was a God - fearing man and even fasted on Daniel's behalf and knew Daniel to be a servant of God and acknowledged God's kingdom as an everlasting one.

AND in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.

Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the

king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syria, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.

The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, the thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made dunghill.

But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.

They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it.

The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me.

But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, there is but one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time is changed: therefore tell the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof.

The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.

And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.

For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.

Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon:

He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.

Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.

Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:

That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

Daniel; answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring

me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation.

Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation.

The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?

Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king;

But there is a God in heraven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pas hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets

maketh known to thee what shall come to pass. But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sake's that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightiest know the thoughts of thy heart. Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.

This image's head was of fine gold, his breasts and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

Thou sawest till that a stone was cut without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them

away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potter's clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in

it of the strength of iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

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

Daniel 2:1-44

The statue that king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon dreamed and saw in a vision represents the kingdoms of this world. But all of them are going to be destroyed by God so that he can establish his own kingdom and which will last forever. But why? I rightly

believe it is because the kingdoms of this world fall short of God's standards being full of injustices, unrighteousness and is chaotic and therefore imperfect in all ways; whereas the kingdom of God is full of justice, righteousness and tranquillity and perfect in its entirety. One may ask why such contrast? It is because the King who is going to rule in God's kingdom is known as The Righteous King and Just and is the King of kings and the Lord of lords (Isaiah 11:1-4, Jeremiah 23:1-8, Acts 17:30-31, Revelation 19:11-16). Now the God of heaven is going to destroy all the kingdoms of the world through his Son Jesus Christ who is described as a stone cut out without hands (verse 35 above) and as you know, elsewhere the same Jesus is described as a stone and a rock (Isaiah 8:13-14, Psalm 5-7, Matthew 21:42-44, 1 Peter 2:6-8).

Immediately after the rapture of the holy Church has taken place, on earth there will be the dreaded Tribulation period lasting for seven years and meanwhile Jesus Christ will

be with the holy saints for seven years in his marriage supper after which he will come back with them at Jerusalem to reign for one thousand years as a foretaste of eternity with them in heaven (Matthew 24:36-42, John 14:1-6, 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, Philippians 3:20-21, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 19:1-22:15). Now all must yearn to be in that perfect and eternal kingdom by repenting of their sins to God and accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and begin to live holy and righteous life in readiness for the taking away into heaven by the Lord Himself into eternity.

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like **the Son of man came** with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion,

which shall not pass away, and his kingdom
that which shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:13-14

The prophet Daniel saw in a vision the
kingdom of Christ and it was an everlasting
one that cannot be destroyed.

But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God,
is for ever and ever: a spectre of righteousness
is the spectre of thy kingdom.

Hebrews 1:8

God is the one who said the above to Jesus
Christ in that epistle to the Hebrews.

Wherefore the rather, **brethren**, give
diligence to make your calling and election
sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never
fall:

For so **an entrance shall be ministered unto
you abundantly into everlasting kingdom
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

2 Peter 1:10-11

Apostle Peter in writing to the Church he told them of the everlasting kingdom of the Lord.

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.

Revelation 11:15

The kingdom of God and Christ is to last for ever.

In my introduction I stated that life on earth is too short and also that many are worried on the life here than the life to come later and that we need to be worried the more on the life after as it is eternal and therefore we need to choose where we would like to be in that eternity and make all efforts for the goal. Now hear what God says to those who worry much for this life.

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or What shall we drink? or Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (for after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that thou have need of all these things.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:31-33

In the above scripture God is telling us the need to put our priorities right and according to him it is his kingdom and its righteousness. To have the kingdom of God and its righteousness one need to be saved (to have Christ) as he is a righteous king.

Chapter 2

It is spiritual

The kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom as God Himself is a Spirit (John 4:24). Jesus Christ who had been arrested and taken to the governor Pontius Pilate for judgement also said so.

Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgement: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgement hall, least they should be defiled; but that they might eat the Passover.

Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man?

They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:

That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.

Then Pilate entered into the judgement hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?

Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?

Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

John 18:28-36

In the above scripture Jesus said categorically that his kingdom was not of this world and we know that this world is physical; meaning it is not physical but spiritual in nature.

I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for who Christ died.

Let not then your good be evil spoken of:

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drinks; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Romans 14:14-17

The kingdom of God is not physical such as tangible things like a meat and a drink but spiritual as enlisted in the scripture.

And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

And when he saw them, he said unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?

There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

Neither shall they say, Lo here! Or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Luke 17:12-21

Jesus told the Pharisees that the kingdom of God is not physical that can be observed. Jesus had healed the ten lepers by the power of his Father and which cannot be seen by the naked eye or even touched. He was Spirit filled and that what was seen in the leper was effects of the Holy Spirit in the leper and not the Holy Spirit.

In a nutshell the kingdom of God is God's power (the Holy Spirit) indwelling in a person and eventually leading him or her right where God dwells in heaven ultimately. So it starts right here and in to heaven for eternity and one just needs to allow the kingdom come in one by repenting of sins committed before God and by faith inviting Jesus into one's life. Then and only then, one is led in this life on earth by the Spirit into that life in heaven.

Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;

And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali:

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

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

Matthew 4:12-17

Repentance is a MUST for one to receive the kingdom of God.

Even John the Baptist told the people the same, same, things - as it is a way of preparing for the kingdom to come into one's life (Matthew 3:1-3). Preparation is necessary because the kingdom of God is a holy one and

we human beings are wicked after the fall in the garden of Eden by the first man Adam. The Holy Spirit cannot get into a dirty vessel (our body) until we prepare for his coming.

So when Jesus told those people to repent he had God's kingdom with him and it was not an empty talk/preaching.

Apostle Paul in writing to the Church at Corinth he told them of God is not in word only as is recorded.

I write not these things to same you, but as my beloved sons I warn you.

For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.

For this cause have I sent unto you Timothy, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance

of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.

Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you.

But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.

For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

1 Corinthians 4:14-20

The true kingdom of God is demonstrated by God power (the power of the Holy Spirit) and not man power (of the flesh).

The same day came to him the Sad'-du-cees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him, Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife,

deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother:

Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh.

And last of all the woman died also.

Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as angels of God in heaven.

Matthew 22:23-30

Now tell me, the angels of God in heaven are they physical or spiritual beings? They are spiritual beings of course as scriptures record (Hebrews 1:13-14, Acts 12:1-10).

Chapter 3

It is powerful

The kingdom of God is very, very powerful and is more than super powerful. Remember the Atomic bomb in the second world war dropped in Hiroshima Japan and the effects it had on that land. Now that was done by the kingdoms of this world and cannot be compared to what God's kingdom has done and continue to do' Remember in the Bible how the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed and during this time how an earthquake destroyed the country of Haiti and how the Corona virus has devastated the world! From just the few examples one can see that God's kingdom is too powerful to fathom and also to get to know that indeed it is the most powerful kingdom ever and will remain to be so into eternity.

The kingdom of God is a powerful kingdom and a very powerful one indeed and that is why Jesus in his public ministry did many things that it is recorded that some of them are

not in the Holy Bible (John 21:25). Now if you read the book of the acts of the apostles you will see many things which they did by the power of God in them some of which we are going to read.

And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

Daniel 2:44

The prophet Daniel in a vision God showed him the kingdom of heaven and how powerful it would be, that it shall never be destroyed and that it shall stand forever. Now that

AND Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD is quite powerful!

AND he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

Mark 9:1

The kingdom of God comes with power as the above scripture says.

For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

1 Corinthians 4:20

Let us now go to some of the things which the apostles did in the name of the Lord Jesus, as they had received the power of the kingdom of God. As for Jesus we read that he had done so much while he was on earth.

Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have, give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

And he leaping up stood and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping, and praising God.

Acts 3:1-8

The lame man received the power of the kingdom of God and the lameness was no more. He was no longer at the gate of the temple, but in the temple praising God at the same time walking on his feet and leaping. Now that is power indeed.

And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women)

Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with

unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

Acts 5:12-16

Now that was quite powerful as even the shadow of Peter overshadowing the sick would bring healing!

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

Acts 6:6-7

And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.

And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

And all that dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and turned to the Lord.

Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcus: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them.

Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcus made, while she was with them.

But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

Acts 9:32-41

We can as well stop there. But much was done by the early Church as I said earlier. But all the above are but a manifestation of the power of the kingdom of God. Glory to the most High God.

Chapter 4

It is glorious

The kingdom of God is glorious as Himself is full of glory. Let us straight away go the holy scriptures and see for ourselves.

And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat:

When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the LORD commanded Moses.

And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.

Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud

**abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD
filled the tabernacle.**

Exodus 40:31-35

The glory of the Lord as we see from that scripture was too much and Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation which was then full of God's glory as the place was too glorious to behold.

THEN Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.

And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.

And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.

And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up.

And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the Cherubim.

For the Cherubim spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the Cherubim covered the ark and the stakes thereof above.

And they drew out the staves that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day.

There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,

So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

1 Kings 8:1-11

In the above scripture too during the reign of king Solomon when he had finished building the temple of the Lord and brought in all that were to be in it and at the time of dedication the priests were unable to stand in the temple to minister for the glory of the Lord had completely filled it- that should tell us how glorious Jehovah God is and so is his

kingdom which cannot be less for his presence must be there.

THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Psalm 19:1

King David in the above scripture acknowledged the glory of God saying the heavens declare it for all to see that marvellous glory of God. He went further and said that even the sky shows the work of God how skilful God is.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

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

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

For unto you is born this day
For unto you is born this day in the city of
David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall
find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes,
lying in a manger.
**And suddenly there was with the angel a
multitude of the heavenly host praising
God, and saying;
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace, good will toward men.**

Luke 2:8-14

We see from that scripture that when Jesus Christ was born the angel of the Lord went to give a good report of the birth of Jesus Christ to the shepherds who were keeping their flock at night. We do find that the presence of the angel of the Lord came with the glory of God (as he was from heaven the dwelling place of God) and the place where the shepherds were and round about it shone with the glory of God. Also when the message had been well

delivered, other angels joined this angel praising God and saying ‘Glory be to God in the highest (they were just ascribing that glory comes from God)- he is the source of true glory.

Some churches have even written that ‘The glory is here- meaning God’s glory is in the churches.

But these have not comprehended what the glory is like.

The glory of God is unique in that it is quite spectacular in nature.

But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God.

And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

Acts 7:55-56

Stephen who was a deacon in the house of God was a man filled with the Holy Spirit was brought before the council of the elders and the scribes with a false accusation and he began to preach to them and it reached a climax where the people present were heavily convicted and they gnashed their teeth and were ready to do away with his life and looking up steadfastly up into heaven Stephen saw the glory of God.

It is indisputable that God is glorious.

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it and whosoever will lose his life for my sake will find it.

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he

shall reward every man according to his works

Matthew 16:24-27

Jesus Christ shall come again in the glory of his Father just as he said. God is glorious.

And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

And Jesus said unto them;

Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the

Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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

Matthew 19:24-29

What Jesus narrated to his disciples touching on the young man really touched them and in answering them Jesus comforted them giving them an assurance of everlasting life plus much more. Jesus said very clearly that he will be sitting on the throne of glory, that is, his kingdom is a glorious kingdom.

And the Word was made 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.

John 1:14

Jesus Christ as the only begotten of God the Father had glory of his Father and which Apostle John saw he together with apostles Peter and James (Matthew 17:1-2).

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever.

And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth forever and ever.

Revelation 5:11-14

Glory belongs to the eternal king- Jesus Christ, the Son of the living and most High God. My reader, will you be there? As for me by the grace of God I trust Him to be there in full swing, In Jesus' name.

All the holy Saints who will have been raptured when the Lord comes secretly will be raptured with a glorious body as they will be ushered into a glorious kingdom of God and of the Lamb (Luke 20:27-36, 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18, Philippians 3:20-21).

Chapter 5

It is righteous

The kingdom of God is characterized with righteousness. Unlike the kingdoms of the world which is characterized with unrighteousness and injustices.

It is therefore a kingdom worth living in. No need of worrying in it as everything is orderly and one does not expect to be unfairly treated at any time. In this kingdom everything is done right and absolutely nothing ever goes wrong in it, quite wonderful. Straight away we go to the oracles of God.

BEHOLD, a king shall reign in righteousness, and the princes shall rule in judgement.

And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken.

The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.

The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.

Isaiah 32:1-5

The king who shall reign in righteousness is none other than Jesus Christ who is the righteous King to rule in the kingdom of heaven. All things will be in their right perspective and not distorted as there will be zero tolerance to sin and corruption.

It will not be as it was at some point in the house of Israel when evil was called good and good called evil, when darkness was put for light and vice versa and bitter put for sweet and vice versa (Isaiah 5:20).

For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood, but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

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

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

Isaiah 9:4-7

The people's burden will be removed as righteousness and justice will reign and no oppression of any kind will be found as evil will have been thwarted. All this is because the Son of God will reign (have the government on his shoulder) and will reign the Millenium in Jerusalem on earth (upon the throne of David) and upon his kingdom (the eternal kingdom in the New Jerusalem in heaven). God Himself has purposed that and it must come to pass soon (The zeal of the Lord of hosts to perform it).

THE Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his throne.

Psalm 97:1-2

Only in the reign of the Lord Jesus Christ can people be joyous and glad because his reign is

full of righteousness and justice and nothing at all to worry about.

Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgements are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.

Psalms 36:5-6

WOE be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture I saith the LORD.

Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people;

Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil doings, saith the LORD.

And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise up unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgement and justice in the earth.

Jeremiah 23:1-5

The prophet Jeremiah prophesied on the coming Messiah who would bring order in the house of his Father. He referred to him as a righteous branch and who shall rule on the earth in Jerusalem for 1,000 years upon the throne of David who sometimes back had ruled Israel. The prophet touched on the bad conduct of the pastors at that time in Jerusalem who had God's people driving them away and not visiting them and that God was going to judge them on their evil deeds. Now what Jeremiah saw is still happening in

the world with political turmoils in some countries and their citizens end up as refugees in neighbouring countries. The same is happening to the Church where you find some wicked pastors sleeping with women and girls in their congregation and the widows who took refuge in the church are financially burdened the more in those churches and leave and the pastors make no effort to visit them in their sufferings as they have nothing to offer in hospitality and the pastors instead only frequent homes of the wealthy and well to do, quite a scene, a sad one indeed. May the Lord help us as we have drifted very far away from the ways of God whom we proclaim we are serving.

On judgement day many will be for a big shock (Matthew 7:21-23).

The LORD is righteous **in all** his ways, and holy **in all** his works

Psalms 145:17

Quite a powerful statement indeed!

Righteous art thou, O LORD, and upright
are thy judgements

Psalm 119:137

I will hear what God the LORD will speak:
for he will speak peace unto his people, and to
his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.
Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear
him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together;
**righteousness and peace have kissed each
other.**

Truth shall spring out of the earth; and
righteousness shall look down from heaven.

**Yea, the LORD shall give that which is
good;** and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him; and
shall set us in the way of his steps.

Psalm 85: 8-13

God the Almighty is a God of peace and righteousness and that is why they kiss each other. Righteousness shall look down from heaven because it comes above there from God. He shall look down with one thing in mind- to give what is good to the inhabitants of the earth.

Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Psalm 45:6-7

God is righteous and loves righteousness and that is why his kingdom is one of righteousness. If you and I also loves righteousness and hates wickedness then the Lord will anoint us too.

AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of the ears:

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

Isaiah 11:1-5

The kingdom of Christ is a righteous kingdom.

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

**And I will cut off the chariot from
Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem,
and the battle bow shall be cut off:** and he
shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his
dominion shall be from Sea even to sea, and
from the rivers even to the ends of the earth.

Zechariah 9: 9-10

The prophet Zechariah prophesied of the Lord
Jesus Christ defending his people and
bringing righteousness and justice and
establishing his kingdom which includes all
people of the nations of the earth, who have
submitted to his reign. Now let us look at this
similar scripture.

**FOR Zion's sake will I not hold my peace,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,**

until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land anymore be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzi-bah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

Isaiah 62:1-5

To me it also looks like the holy Church of Jesus Christ going by the description!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Revelation 19:11-16

And now at last we do see in the above scripture Jesus Christ the Righteous king with his holy saints coming out of heaven after the 7 years of the marriage supper of the Lamb heading towards Jerusalem to go and rule there for 1000 years. Do you know why the armies that were with him were clothed in fine linen, white and clean? It is because Christ had made them to be righteous and do you know why Jesus Christ- The Word of God, Faithful and True (John 1:1-5, Hebrews 3:1-2, John 14:5-6) had many crowns on his head? It is because he is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. I really yearn to be in that righteous kingdom where righteousness reigns and be part of that army, how about you? Let us all strive to be there after what we have gone through on this earth.

Chapter 6

It is peaceful

The kingdom of God is a peaceful kingdom unlike the kingdoms of this world which are full of unrest. This kingdom is ruled by Jesus Christ the son of God who is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

Peace is a fundamental thing in any country and without it there is nothing good. Many useful activities cannot take place in an environment where there is no peace but turmoil. At this juncture it is imperative that we straight away go to the oracles of God on the subject at hand.

The LORD will give strength unto his people;
the LORD will bless his people with peace.

Psalms 29:11

Peace comes from God as he is the Prince of Peace.

Great peace have they which love thy law:
and nothing shall offend them.

Psalm 119:165

From the above scripture we do see the need to love the laws of God so that he blesses us with great peace.

IN that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Isaiah 26:1-3

Let us trust in the Lord for our peace of mind.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 14:27

Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace said those words to his disciples. If you are a believer you will have special peace from the Lord: The peace of this world is short-lived and temporary in nature.

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

Jesus Christ said those words to his disciples in encouraging them to be steadfast in Him and thereby have peace from him which is lacking in the world which is generally full of tribulation.

The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began

from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

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

Acts 10:36-38

The word of peace is preached to all in the world even today and that peace is with the owner Jesus Christ.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law

Galatians 5:22

If one has Jesus Christ in one's life one will definitely have the Holy Spirit God promised to all who believed in his Son and the fruit of the Holy Spirit has peace in it and so one has the peace of God in him or her.

THEREFORE being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: But whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:1-2

It is only after one is justified by one's faith in Jesus Christ does one have peace with God through his Son.

Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Romans 15:33

To all those who have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ they have the God of peace (as he is the source of it) for mankind. The same word- God of peace is repeated in verse 20 of the next chapter.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord

shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them,

Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day

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

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying;

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:8-14

We do see that the angel of the Lord brought the good tiding of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Messiah to the shepherds and was joined by the heavenly host (other angels) who praised God and proclaimed peace to people

as the Prince of peace had been born to bring peace between men and God.

Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

That at that time ye 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 ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

Ephesians 2:11-16

Apostle Paul in his epistle to the church at Ephesus he reminded them of what transpired in their lives after they believed the gospel. He told them that prior to conversion they had no Christ and no hope in them but by their faith in Jesus Christ they now have Christ as well his peace (as that Christ is their peace)- Christ being the Prince of peace and therefore we see that only in Christ there is real peace.

Let your moderation be known unto all men.
The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:5-7

By accepting the kingdom of God in life the peace of God is availed to us through Jesus Christ to keep our hearts and minds.

Pray without ceasing.

In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Quench not the Spirit.

Despise not prophesying

Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good

Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray your whole Spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:17-24

By making such efforts in the Lord God is able to sanctify one wholly, spirit, soul and

body. The God of peace is able to do it as he is faithful.

Chapter 7

It is splendid

The kingdom of God is splendid. It is full of splendour and nobody I believe want to miss to be there. It is an excellent place to be as everything there is perfect.

Now let us look at the Scripture and see how it is being explained how it is like.

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

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any

more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

And he said, unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of water of life freely.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whore mongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

And he carried me away to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

And had a wall great and high and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

On the east three gates; on the north three gates, on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs.

The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man that is, of the angel.

And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

The fifth, sardonyx; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent as glass.

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

AND he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and

yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign forever and ever.

And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

And I John saw these things, and heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy follow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

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

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murders, and idolaters, and whoever loveth and maketh a lie.

I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book.

And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

He which testifieth these things saith, Sure I come quickly, Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Chapter 8

It is bright

The kingdom of God is bright as it is the kingdom of light and there is no darkness in it. It is a good place for one to be in as I believe nobody loves darkness and that is evident in the physical world that human activities become less and less when it gets dark. But during the day when there is light human activities are at the peak. The opposite is true as there is more evil activities going on at night when it is dark as we find that the kingdom of darkness more often takes over as Satan likes darkness as his kingdom is of darkness as Jesus also said at the time of his arrest (Luke 22:47-53, John 18:1-3)

At this juncture let us now go to the scriptures and get what it has for us.

THE LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the strength of my life; for
whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

The psalmist (David son of Jesse) was not fearful or afraid of anything because he said God was his light. If God is light therefore his kingdom must be one of light. Remember by that scripture and experience in life many people become fearful at night, why? because it is dark of course.

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

Psalm 84:9-12

The psalmist preferred to be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than be in the tents of wickedness as knew that with the Lord there is light and protection in comparison with being in tents of wickedness where there is darkness (evil activities). For God as a sun gives light which is a hindrance to evil activities and so serves as a shield from such.

Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;
And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali:
That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying,
The land of Zebulun, and the land of Naphtali,
by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles;

The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

Matthew 4:12-16

The people who were in the lands of Zabulon and Naphtali saw great light because of the presence of Jesus Christ there as Jesus is the light of the world and his kingdom is bright with light.

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 8:12

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended not.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe.

He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light.

That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

John 1:1-9

John the Baptist was the one sent by God to be afore runner of Jesus Christ to witness about him and Jesus was the Light, the true Light that would light every man in the world and that John witnessed so that they believe in Christ.

Jesus affirmed to his disciples that he was the light of the world (John 9:1-5). Earlier he had referred to his disciples (those who had believed in him) that they were the light of the world (Matthew 5:14-16).

THAT which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our

eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us).

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1John 1:1-5

God is light as apostle John stated to the Church of Christ in the above epistle.

BUT of the times and seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that day should overtake you as a thief.

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-5

Apostle Paul in writing to the church in Thessalonica reminded them that they were the children of light and the children of the day. It is because they had believed in Christ Jesus who is the light of the world and by that they had received the kingdom of God which is the kingdom of Christ.

Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

Ephesians 5:6-8

Apostle Paul equally wrote the church at Ephesus that before they accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour they were darkness as had no light of the Lord.

But now that they have received him, they are light in him.

THEREFORE seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord's and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:1-5

Those who don't believe in Christ are blinded by Satan, the god of this world and who is himself darkness. It is only by believing in the glorious gospel of Christ that one receives light.

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colossae: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus,
and of the love which ye have to all the saints,
For the hope which is laid up for you in
heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word
of truth of the gospel;

Which is come unto you, as it is in all the
world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also
in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew
the grace of God in truth:

As ye also learned of Ep'-a-phras our dear
fellow servant, who is for you a faithful
minister of Christ;

Who also declared unto us your love in the
Spirit.

For this cause we also, since the day we heard
it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire
that ye might be filled with the knowledge of
his will in all wisdom and spiritual
understanding;

That ye might walk worth of the Lord unto all
pleasing, being fruitful in every good work,
and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness;

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

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

Colossians 1:1-13

God through Christ Jesus who is light have delivered the believers from the power of darkness (the kingdom of Satan) to the kingdom of light of Christ) by translating them.

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven plagues, and talked with me, saying, come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great

city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of
heavens from God,

Having the glory of God: and her light was
like unto a stone most precious, even like a
jasper stone, clean as crystal;

And has a wall great and high, and had twelve
gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and
names written thereon, which are the names
of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.

On the east three gates; on the north three
gates, on the south three gates, and on the
west three gates.

And the wall of the city had twelve
foundations, and in them the names of the
twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And he that talked with me had a golden reed
to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and
the wall thereof.

And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is
as large as the breadth: and he measured the
city with reed, twelve thousand furlongs.

The length and the breadth and the height of it
are equal.

And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire: the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

The fifth, sardonix; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

**And the city had no need of the sun,
neither of the moon, to shine in it: and the
lamb is the light thereof.**

Revelation 21:9-23

Now that kingdom of God is quite bright to an extent that it requires no sun or moon to shine in it, the Lamb being the light that God lightens.

AND he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of the Lamb.

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

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign forever and ever.

Revelation 22:1-5

There is no night in the kingdom of God meaning no darkness as God himself lights the kingdom- It is indeed a kingdom of light. Darkness has no place in the kingdom of God as it is quite bright.

Chapter 9

It is likened to

In this chapter we are going to see a bit how the kingdom of God is likened to as Jesus said and is found in the Scripture.

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened to a man which sowed good seed in his field:

But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

So the servants of the house holder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasures hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy therefore

goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

Matthew 13:24-33; 44-48

In verse 36 the disciples of Jesus wanted to know the parable of the tares and asked Jesus and they were answered. In verse 31 to 33 that touches on the parable of a mustard seed and leaven I do believe it talks of the growth of the kingdom of God. In verse 44 to 46 the parable on treasure and goodly pearl I believe it talks of the kingdom of God how it is a big treasure to mankind worth acquiring/getting. In verse 47 to 48 the parable on the net I believe it touches on the judgement day when some people will end up in heaven and some in hell fire to be there eternally.

THEN shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

And while they went to buy the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord open to us.

But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 25:1-13

The above scripture is touching on the Church of Christ that will be composed of wise believers and foolish believers and on the day of rapture some (the wise) will be raptured as are holy, righteous and mature. But the rest will remain on the earth (the foolish) as they are unholy, unrighteous, immature and therefore unprepared / not ready.

Chapter 10

It grows

The kingdom of God grows and therefore is very much alive because God who owns it is a living God (1 Samuel 17:26, Psalm 84:1-2, Matthew 26:62-64, Revelation 7:1-3).

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

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

Isaiah 9:6-7

The kingdom of God is not small but big-it start small and increase and become very big.

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches.

Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

Matthew 13:31-35

I said the kingdom of God starts small and becomes big.

And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

And Jesus answered them, saying,

The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am there shall also my servant be: if

any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

Now is my life troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

Father, glorify thy name. then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

Now is the judgement of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

This he said, signifying what death he should die.

John 12:20-33

Jesus Christ who came to the world compared his life as a corn of wheat that has to die first and then bring forth much fruit. He went

further and said that if he be lifted up from the earth he will draw all men unto himself. He was talking about his crucifixion on the cross and death that would bring redemption to mankind- he was to have many followers unto himself as a result of his death on the cross and his resurrection from the grave. Now look at this scripture how he was to be lifted up from the earth:

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3:14-15

So it was necessary for another lifting up to take place for our sakes- the one that Moses lifted was merely a foreshadow of the real lifting in the future and which came to pass about two thousand years ago, glory to the Highest.

The kingdom of God is a big, movement that is propagated by the gospel of Jesus Christ and spreads and grows like a bushfire.

Chapter 11

It is perfect

The kingdom of God is a perfect one as we are going to see from the Scriptures.

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

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

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

And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the publicans so?

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect

Matthew 5:44-48

That scripture states that God is perfect.

As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

Psalm 18:30

I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken out of it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

Ecclesiastes 3:14

The fact that whatever God does stays for ever is because what he does is perfect and there is no need for any modification on it.

GIVE ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

Because I will publish the name of the LORD:
ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a **God** of truth and without iniquity, **just and right is he.**

Deuteronomy 32:1-4

The work of God is perfect is why he need to be ascribed greatness.

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

1 Peter 2:21-23

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21

In both the two scriptures we find that the Lord was sinless- perfect.

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Hebrews 2:9-10

Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

Which of you conviceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

John 8:42-47

Jesus was perfect in life and that is why he challenged the Jews on sin.

For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

Hebrews 7:28

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of infirmities; but

was in all points tempted like we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15

Jesus Christ was in all points tempted just like other men but he did not sin- he remained sinless and perfect. He as the righteous king has a perfect kingdom.

Chapter 12

Its requirements

The kingdom of God has its own requirements for one to be in it and which we are going to look at from the scriptures.

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, **Men, and brethren, what shall we do?**

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

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Acts 2:36-41

The first requirement we get in the above scriptures is repentance- one must repent of one's sins to the Lord.

Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Acts 13:36-39

The gospel of Jesus is preached for the forgiveness of sins and justification.

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

He came to his own, and his own received him not.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:10-13

THERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nic-o-de'-mus, a ruler of the Jews:

The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

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

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

John 3:1-5

From the two scripture above the requirement is a new birth through faith in Jesus Christ so that one becomes a child of God and be in a position to enter the kingdom of God in heaven.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 3:36

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:1-6

These things have I written unto **you that believe on the name of the Son of God**; that ye may **know that ye have eternal life**, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God

1 John 5:13

Faith in the name of Jesus Christ the Son of God is a must for one to have entry into the kingdom of God.

Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are past away: behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

A transformation is mandatory and is only by believing in Jesus Christ.

JOHN to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

And from **Jesus Christ**, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him **that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,**

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. A'-men.

Revelation 1:4-6

By believing in Christ Jesus after repenting of one's sins one is forgiven all sins and washed by the blood of Jesus Christ and is saved becoming a new creature as a transformation has taken place in one's life. Apart from that one need to be baptized in much water in the name of the Lord and to be filled with the Holy Spirit and one begins the Christian Walk that its destination is finally in the kingdom of God in heaven. One received the kingdom at conversion to Christ Jesus but one has to be in heaven where God dwells to live with Him there eternally after this life where one is expected to live a holy and righteous life (1 Peter 1:15-16, Matthew 5:14-16).

The kingdom of God is unique as the King there is holy, the city there is holy and all the citizens there are also holy (Isaiah 6:1-7,

Matthew 5:8, Hebrews 12:13-14, 1 Peter 1:13-16 and Revelation 4 & 21).

For further reading on God's kingdom as well as Satan's kingdom and the hierarchy in each one of them you can read my other book entitled 'The Christian Walk' where you will also get the various aspects of the Christian life. For further reading on where one must live eternally after life on earth and each of them is like you can read my other book entitled 'The Realities of Heaven and Hell' and chose one of them now and work to be there.

Notes to the reader

I take this opportunity to thank you for taking time to read this book. If you have any comments please do communicate to us by the address given below.

If you are not saved (not yet believed in Jesus Christ) and washed by the blood of the Lamb of God then this is your golden opportunity to get saved. With all your heart in sincerity pray this prayer for your salvation: ‘Lord Jesus, I have heard your word and do totally believe that you died on the cross for my sins and now I do repent and ask for your forgiveness. Please save my life now. I humbly ask all this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

If you have repeated that prayer with all sincerity of heart you are now saved and become a child of God. Be in a Bible teaching church and ask the pastor for prayer to be filled with the Holy Spirit, but first give him or her your testimony that you are saved and want to be baptized in much water by

immersion in the name of God the Father,
God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

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