

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM – STANDING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

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

Christ Revealed, Church Reformed, City Rebuilt

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

God wants us to be born again into the Kingdom and by the incorruptible word of God. God does not want us to be born again into a religion. God wants us to be recreated by His word. We are born again by God's word. When we are born into the Kingdom, all that the Kingdom has will be ours.

When God gave Jesus, He gave the best. When He gave us the Holy Spirit, He gave us the rest. When the Father gave Himself to abide in us, we will be satisfied. That's why Christian life is amazing. Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Father can live inside us. This capacity does not come by religion. We can go to the church every Sunday and yet not have them.

The best life that we can have is the life that God gives. When we are born again we can see the Kingdom. Our eyes will be opened. We won't be looking for small things. We will be looking for the main thing and the big thing. God offers us the Kingdom and train us to be a king, and to rule and reign, to be successful. God does not want us to be blessed only. We are in the Kingdom, don't look outside. We are blind if we are still doing this and think that the world can offer more than the Kingdom.

If we believe Him and receive Him, we can be better than what is outside. If outside can give us more than what is in the inside, then might as well go out.

We are residents of God's earth. The world does not belong to people. God created the earth and put men there. Kingdom is a domain for the King to rule. Is our heart, life, finance, thinking, and time the King's domain? If He is fully in charge, then the Kingdom is here.

When we received Jesus into our heart and our past had cut off we can see the Kingdom and we can see that what God offers is not just offering. Once we can see, we must choose to enter. How do we enter? No one can enter into the Kingdom except by doing the Father's will. After we enter, God wants to make sure we are clean. Even the President of the USA is trained to become a President. God gave us the Holy Spirit to train us.

Once God has cleansed us and He will qualify us. God has to test us all the time; with money. If we don't pass, He will test us again with the same subject. If we pass and qualify, we will go up to a level where the devil cannot touch. We are up in stature. We must suffer the same problems again and again. God must take us up higher.

Once we qualify, we will inherit the Kingdom. This is what we are looking for. All the things that God has helped us today is so that we can inherit the Kingdom. If The Kingdom is in us, 3 dimensions of the Kingdom will be there; righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. If we have this 3 things, we have the Kingdom of God. What resides in us is Kingdom power. The Kingdom of God is not about eating and drinking which is the standard of the world.

If the Kingdom of God manifests in our life, these 3 ingredients will manifest; righteousness, peace, and joy. When you have the Kingdom, we will have success in everything that we do, touch or study. If we build our lives in the Kingdom, we will have no choice but to succeed.

1. Righteousness is right-standing with God

God and we must have no conflict in principles. God says yes, we say yes. What He wants is what we want. We may have struggles but don't stop there. Find ways to break through. We will obey the principles of God and we will do what is well pleasing in His sight. This is the first thing we must do and be right with God. If we are not right with God we will be superficial. Check ourselves every morning and see if we are right standing with God.

2. Righteousness is right-standing within ourselves

Do we know when we are lying? Our conscience clears us. Our heart will know.

If we live right in our heart and our spirit is clean, people will recognize. If we know certain is right but we don't do, our heart will keep speaking to us until we change. We cannot escape the persimmsion of the Holy Spirit.

3. Righteousness is right-standing with people

If we have right standing with people, people can trust us. We don't change our basis. Don't change the rules of engagement just because something happens.

4. Righteousness is right-standing before the devil

The devil has nothing in us. The devil has no grounds to attacks us. If the devil's things are in our life, it is a matter of time before strangers will come at our door. Don't keep the devil's goods in our mind, heart and emotions. If we keep there will be a trail of ants that will come to attack us. When the devil finds things wrong in our lives, they will find others to come. We will become angry, depressed and become violent. It will then lead to marriage problems, financial problems, business problems, etc. If the devil enters, it will bring others in also.

We must be so filled in our lives so that Satan will have no control over our lives.

5. Righteousness is right-standing in all circumstances

Anything bad happens we don't go under but we stand strong. A lot of people change just because of rumors or people's words. Stand on your ground. Stand with God and stand with integrity in our heart. All kinds of problems outside may happen but we must stand strong. When things are well we can stand straight. When things are not well, we must stand straight also. Don't adapt to the problem and not solve it. We want to start a business but we must not allow the business change us. We must change the standard and show others how we do it. Before we start a business, we must make up our mind not to miss out church and cell groups. Circumstances may change but we should not. Stand firm. The world outside will keep changing but we should not change because we stand in alignment with the Kingdom of God.

We don't change because we know what God wants us to do. We change only when God tells us to change.

6. Righteousness is right-standing before the world authorities.

We are to stand right before the law. When the law is broken we will be penalized. Pay our tax. Don't cheat on accounts. We must follow well the rules of the land. If we break the rule of the traffic lights, we will be caught. Law is for the righteous as well as the wicked.

7. Righteousness is right-standing in all our sufferings and afflictions.

When things go wrong in our life; sick, business trials, marriage problems, vocation problems, crisis, etc we must be sure in our heart that God is in control and He will carry us through. It does not matter what people say, we must know who we are in Christ. We must be clean before God and be steadfast. In all the sufferings we will not become bitter but better. Most people go through problems and get angry with people and angry with themselves. We must stay strong because at the end of the day God is still on the throne and He still rules.

Sufferings don't last forever. We must last.