Successfully Seeking the Kingdom of God

Col 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

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

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

1. Inheritance
   1. Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became **heir of the righteousness** which is by **faith.**
   2. Titus 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made **heirs** according to the hope of **eternal life**.
   3. Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be **heirs of salvation**?
   4. Ro 8:17 And if children, then heirs; **heirs of God**, and **joint-heirs with Christ**; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also **glori**fied together.
   5. 1Pe 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.
   6. Mt 19:29 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 an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.
   7. Col 3:24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.
   8. Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

5:5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

* 1. 1Pe 1:4 **To an inheritance** incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you
  2. Heb 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of **eternal inheritance.**

1. Deliverance
   1. God has delivered us from darkness
   2. The message of the glorious gospel is that God has translated the believer from the power of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son.
   3. The "power of darkness" indicates a kingdom, a realm, a world of darkness. Darkness indicates a person is unable to see and understand or know. A person trying to walk and stumble through a world of darkness. He cannot see or understand:
   4. The "power of darkness" indicates darkness is a realm, world,

an active power that enslaves men and stands in opposition to the light of God.

The world of darkness is a kingdom in rebellion against God.

This is the very reason men struggle against God so much.

It is difficult to imagine the animosity of most men have against God, yet it is true. Just imagine how contradictory it is to see a rational creature...cursing God, denying, rejecting God, hurting people, damaging himself, ridiculing, persecuting, and killing those who profess God

* There is no way a rational creature would act like this unless he was enslaved by the power of darkness.
  1. Transgressed the law of God, fallen from the way of God and rejected God.

1. Redemption
   1. In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:
   2. Ga 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:
   3. Lu 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then **look up**, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Zep. 2:3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.

1. Seek Ye the Lord
2. All Ye Meek, (seeking His Righteousness and Meekness)
3. Seeking to be like Him and do what He does.

Rev. 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints

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

* Seek His Kingdom, Righteousness, meekness, 1200 (Moses)seek to be subdued and controlled by the Holy Ghost.
* To make Jesus absolute Lord of our life
* Php 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Luke 17:20 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:

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

John 18:36 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.

Mat. 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

10:7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Luke 9:2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

Mat .11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

Under attack

* Are you sure you want to continue unprotected?

Isaiah 1:21 How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness

5:7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

16 But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

Luke 16:16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

Col 3:15 And **let the peace of God rule in your hearts**, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

* **let the peace of God rule in your hearts**
* **Tune into the relm of the Spirit**

Rom. 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

The Pharisees despised the excellency of the new covenant with respect to the old, being ignorant of the perfect righteousness of the law; and Christ declares by the seventh commandment how they were **false expounders of the law**.

Though pharisees reject the kingdom, many will press into it;

The holy doctrine of the gospel is mocked but others will embrace it.

Christ spoke highly of the gospel, the Pharisees reproached him as a **destroyer of the law**, He shows that the obligation of the moral law was eternal, and that heaven and earth should sooner pass, than the obligation of the law cease; which yet the Pharisees most shamefully violated, particularly the seventh commandment, which they brake by permitting and practicing divorces. Unforgiveness is not an option.

**Kingdom**

You can’t rule the darkness unless God is ruling over you.

1. God’s Kingdom is Eternal
2. God’s Kingdom is Light and Power
3. God’s Kingdom is Grace and Truth

To seek the Kingdom of God is to seek the Power of the Holy Ghost to make Jesus Christ the Lord of our life

We must be under the total control of the Lord and serving the life of Jesus.

Mat. 5:5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Ps 118:19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD:

119:40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.

144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

132:9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.

Proverbs 2:9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.

8:20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:

14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

17:2 A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.

True merit does not go by dignity.

Sometimes it so happens that the servant is wise, and a blessing and credit to the family, when the son is a fool, and a burden and shame to the family.

True dignity will go by merit. If a servant be wise, and manage things well, he shall be further trusted, and not only have rule with, but rule over a son that causes shame; for God and nature have designed that the fool shall be servant to the wise in heart

Isa 5:23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

* All the states through state legislature have put into law sin without the popular vote

Isa 32:1 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

Isa 32:16 Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

Isa 32:17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

Isa 33:5 The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

Isa 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

Lu 9:11 And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.

Lu 9:60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

Lu 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Ac 28:23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

1Co 4:20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

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

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

Eph 5:5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure;  
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labor of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy law’s demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to the cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.