

## THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Today, the headquarters of the Kingdom of God is in the Third Heaven according to the Apostle Paul. Both Paul and the Apostle John were caught up and allowed to see the throne of God. Those saints of old who have gone on before us are in the presence of Jesus in that Third Heaven. Even though we are not present at the throne room of Heaven, Scripture says that we can be a member, a citizen of the Kingdom of God right now.

The Gospel (the good news) of Jesus Christ is that the kingdom of God is available to those who seek after it believing in Christ for it.

**Matthew 4:17** Jesus said, Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

**4:23a** Jesus went about Galilee preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom.

**6:33a** Jesus said, Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Jesus said, Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all good things will be added unto you. Seeking the Kingdom is an action. God is not opposed to your action of seeking. God is opposed to your attitude of earning the Kingdom. We can't earn our way into the Kingdom. But we can actively seek the Way into the Kingdom.

Earning is an attitude. Seeking is an action.

Earning is a wrong attitude. Seeking is the right activity.

If you are believing in Jesus, then you are actively seeking to know Jesus.

If you are not interested in seeking to know Jesus, then you are not believing in Jesus.

We often think of our salvation as the moment we enter into our new life in Christ. Scripture names many events of that moment: new birth, regeneration, baptism of the Spirit, sealing of the Spirit, eternal indwelling of the Spirit, citizenship in the Kingdom of God, etc.

But our Salvation is not just the moment we began spiritual life but is the daily life and eternal life we receive from God. Paul describes stages of our salvation: The present stage is sanctification.

Sanctification verse      Romans 8:14 If you are led by the Spirit of God, then you are a son of God.

Sanctification verse      Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, do it heartily for the Lord.

To truly love God is to see Jesus and follow Jesus with as much fullness as possible through the Word.

We should make it our aim to see Jesus through the Scriptures and to know Jesus and follow Him.

Love is the source of right actions and love is demonstrated by right actions.

God is love.

The first listed fruit of the Spirit is love.

And Jesus said, If you love me keep my commandments.

Salvation is missed by those who make a constant effort to avoid and escape from God. Read Romans 1:18-32 and 1 Corinthians 6:9,10 NLT New Living Translation Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, not thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor verbal abusers, nor swindlers, will inherit the Kingdom of God. 1 Corinthians 6:9,10

And salvation is missed by a constant striving to earn it by self righteousness. Romans 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. Earning righteousness is a wrong attitude.

The Gospel from the lips of Christ is that the Kingdom of God is available to all who seek it.

Matthew 7:7,8 Jesus says, Seek and you will find.

The will of the Father is to believe the Son. John 6:40

And the Kingdom of God is available through King Jesus, the only name by which we can enter the Kingdom. Acts 4:12

Romans 14:17,18 For the Kingdom of God is righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God.

**We can live now in the Kingdom of God through faith in Christ Jesus. We can live productively out of the Kingdom of God by learning everything we can from Christ, and His commandments are always for our benefit.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:8-24**

**Rejoice in the Lord always, pray without ceasing, give thanks always, don't quench the Spirit, abstain from all appearance of evil, prove all things.**

**The sinless death of Jesus and His resurrection has resulted in God the Father giving Jesus the authority to remove all sin and death from the Universe.**

**Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, reveals this process of sin removal.**

**We perceive the process of sin removal to be very slow. But we are slow to learn.**

**The process of sin removal is very decisive. Sin will be totally removed from the Earth. Many judgments will come upon the Earth to bring about sin removal.**

**The new sinless state of planet earth in the new Universe will be the headquarters of the Kingdom of God. God will dwell with man on the new Earth.**

**Revelation 21:1-4, 10, 22-27**

**You are part of God's Kingdom now if you have believed in Jesus and received new life in Him with its promise of deliverance from sin and deliverance to righteousness.**

**Jesus tells His disciples to pray like this. "Our Father, Thy Kingdom come and Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven."**

**We are to look forward to the physical reality of the New Earth where God's Kingdom rules with peace and total righteousness, and where the hearts of all men are redeemed and totally sinless and totally righteous.**

**This is the gospel of Jesus Christ. Christ has redeemed all Heaven and Earth. God awaits your decision. Are you seeking the Kingdom of God?**

**If you have sought after the Kingdom of God and if you have found it in Christ then:**

**The Spirit regenerates you, renews your mind, indwells your life, seals your citizenship, convicts you of sin, and guides you to find truth.**

**The Gospel of Jesus Christ is truly centered on entrance into the Kingdom of God and of following King Jesus with one's very life. Participation in the Cross of Jesus and living in obedience to Jesus is the focus of the gospel message. We die to the old way of life and are raised to newness of life.**

**Because of His sinless death on the Cross, Jesus has the authority and the power to remove sin and produce righteousness in the believer. At the moment of regeneration, Jesus credits the believer with righteousness that will be produced in the believer. God promises to complete the work He began in you.**

**"Forgiveness" is not the goal of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The goal of the gospel is citizenship in the Kingdom of God. Some people have a misunderstanding of Biblical forgiveness. Biblical forgiveness is not a pat on the head and saying it's all right. Some people would like to have forgiveness without a change in**

**lifestyle and without repentance. A forgiveness centered gospel produces people who think they are secure in God's love without regeneration. Praying a prayer to receive Jesus without repentance and without saving faith in cooperation with the Holy Spirit does not yield citizenship in the Kingdom of God.**

**Jesus did not die to give you "forgiveness" of sins and wipe your slate clean. Jesus died to have the right to remove sin from all creation and make new creations of all who believe in Him for deliverance from sin to righteousness.**

**Regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification delivers the believer totally from sin and totally to righteousness. It is Jesus who lives in the believer and produces righteous actions throughout sanctification. The righteousness the believer receives at justification is a credited righteousness to the believer's account. God sees the believer complete in Christ at the time of regeneration.**

**Col. 2:6-15**

**The regenerated believer has redemption through His blood, meaning Jesus' physical death and resurrection. Redemption means deliverance from sin to righteousness. We also have forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:14 God has freely forgiven believer's of all sin judicially which includes taking us out of our bondage and the dungeon of our sin. Biblical Forgiveness is more than clearing our debt. It is removing us from sin to righteousness. We have no debt because God sees us complete and made totally sinless and totally righteous through Jesus' life in us. We are saved by His life. Rom. 5:10**