

The Kingdom of God

Notes by Franklin

I. Introduction

The Kingdom of God is the domain, area or realm of God's rule.

1 Timothy 6:14-15 . . . our Lord JESUS CHRIST . . . He who is the blessed and **ONLY SOVEREIGN**, the **KING** of kings and **LORD** of lords

Psalms 22:28 For the **KINGDOM** is the LORD'S and He **rules** over the nations

Psalms 103:19 The LORD has established **HIS Throne in the heavens**, and His **SOVEREIGNTY RULES OVER ALL**. All of the universe, every planet.

Psalms 145:13 Your **KINGDOM** is an **EVERLASTING KINGDOM**, and Your **DOMINION** endures throughout all generations.

Daniel 4:17 The **MOST HIGH** is **RULER over the realm of mankind**, and bestows it on whom HE wishes. HE gave the Garden of Eden to Adam.

Daniel 4:34-35 For HIS dominion is an **everlasting dominion**, and HIS **KINGDOM endures** from generation to generation. HE does according to **HIS will** in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth.

The sphere in which one holds a preeminent position

Colossians 1:18 And **HE** is the head of the body, the church; HE is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that **in EVERYTHING** he might have the **SUPREMACY** and be **PREEMINENT**.

The LORD GOD gave man a limited kingdom and authority

Genesis 1:26-28 Then GOD said, "Let **US** make **man** in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them **RULE** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. ²⁸GOD blessed them;

and GOD said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill **the earth**, and **SUBDUE IT**; and **RULE OVER** the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.

Adam's disobedience gave himself and his dominion to satan Genesis 3:1-7

- When we disobey we do the same !

Luke 4:5-8 And the devil led Him up and showed HIM **all the kingdoms of the world** in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, I will give You all this domain and its glory; for **it has been handed over to me**, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours.

John 12:31 . . . **now the ruler of this world will be cast out.**

John 16:11 . . . **because the ruler of this world has been judged.**

1 John 5:19 We know that we are **of*** GOD, and that the **whole world lies in the power of the evil one.**

***of** a preposition donating origin. Adam was "of" GOD we are "of" GOD and when we disobey, WE, LIKE ADAM STEP INTO THE WRONG KINGDOM giving "the evil one" legal rights and some access. We MUST immediately confess our sin and close that door. 1 John 1:5 – 2:2

Acts 26:17-18 **I AM sending you, to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of satan to GOD, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in ME.** Our inheritance is The KINGDOM of GOD.

John the Baptist and JESUS both preached the same message: **repent for the KINGDOM of HEAVEN is at hand.** Matthew 3:2 and 4:17

Matthew 11:11 Emphasizes the Privilege, the Blessing, of living in The Kingdom. Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet **the one who is LEAST in the KINGDOM of HEAVEN is GREATER THAN HE.**

- Why? Perhaps because those in The Kingdom have the potential of greater power and authority with CHRIST in them. But John had a zeal, a passion, a burning fire inside, a commitment and dedication beyond most of the rest of us.
- This verse speaks strongly of the GREAT PRIVILEGE and BLESSING that The KINGDOM makes available for all of us who will **seek FIRST HIS KINGDOM and HIS Righteousness.**

HOWEVER: Matthew 11:12 indicates that ENTERING The KINGDOM MAY NOT BE ALL THAT EASY. We need to look at the context: Matthew 11: 11-15

Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone **greater** than John the Baptist! Yet **the one** who is **least** in the **KINGDOM** of heaven is **GREATER THAN HE.** 12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the **KINGDOM** of heaven **suffers violence, and violent men take it by force.** 13 For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John. 14 And if you are willing to accept it, John himself is Elijah who was to come. 15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

John's preaching made it clear that the KINGDOM of GOD was entered by **forceful determined, persistent people.** He preached a baptism of **repentance** with forceful words: **You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise.**

Acts 14:22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, **"Through many tribulations we must enter the KINGDOM OF GOD."**

John demanded a dramatic change. Men were looking for the kingdom of heaven to free them from Rome. They were **ON FIRE TO SEIZE IT**. A **HOLY VIOLENCE** HAD BEEN INTRODUCED BY JOHN. For John the time had come to end indifference and put on a **HOLY DETERMINATION** as to the things of GOD. And The LORD would have ALL THOSE WHO Want to OBTAIN THE KINGDOM to go for it with **THE SAME PASSIONATE EAGERNESS**.

This verse may seem to soften the above: Luke 12:32 **Do not be afraid, little flock, for YOUR FATHER HAS CHOSEN GLADLY TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM.**

That is Wonderful news, HOWEVER, read the following verses: 12:33 **Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves money belts which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near nor moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.** The Rich Young Ruler could not do it Luke 18:18

- This will require a strong **determined, forceful** person.

Someone may also appeal to Colossians 1:13 **For HE rescued us from the domain of darkness, and TRANSFERRED US TO THE KINGDOM OF HIS BELOVED SON**

- This is True from the ETERNAL Perspective even as **HE has raised us up with HIM, and SEATED US with HIM in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus** Ephesians 2:6
- HOWEVER from the EARTHLY PERSPECTIVE today -> The KINGDOM and its inhabitants are **violently assaulted** and we are either in The KINGDOM of GOD or the kingdom of this world. (more later on)

Back to: **the KINGDOM of heaven has been and is forcefully taken**

And **indeed it has** from the Garden of Eden to this day the KINGDOM has been under attack and it's occupants have been taken by the *EVIL ONE*

Ephesians 2:1-3

AND HE HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL AND DECEITFUL

And No wonder, for even **satan disguises himself as an angel of light**. 15 Therefore it is not surprising if **his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness**. 2 Corinthians 11:14-15

He is fighting to keep all of us **IN HIS KINGDOM OF DARKNESS**. JESUS called him “the ruler of the world” (John 14:30)

OUR STRUGGLE is not against flesh and blood, but against the **rulers**, against the **powers**, against the **world forces of this darkness**, against the **spiritual forces of wickedness** in the heavenly places. Eph 6:12-13

And so: **the KINGDOM of heaven has been and is forcefully taken** by taking its rightful citizens captive and taking them into the kingdom of darkness. The Old Testament example is Israel entering the Promised Land, **it was a warfare against the giants**.

And as The LORD said to Joshua: **Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you** Joshua 1:3 We MUST Take back ALL that belongs to THE KING of Kings -> HIS People and HIS land. **The GOD of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet**
Romans 16:20

The LORD’s KINGDOM of Light and the kingdom of darkness are at war. This warfare is what each one of us and the whole of creation is involved in.

To **leave** the Kingdom of darkness and enter, **abide** and remain in The KINGDOM of LIGHT requires **violent warfare** a violent decision and dedication. A hatred of the one and a passionate love of the other.

Kingdom → the realm in which God’s will is fulfilled & OBEYED.

Romans 6:16 **Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you ARE SLAVES OF THE ONE WHOM YOU OBEY, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?**

Romans 1:5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about **OBEDIENCE OF FAITH** among all the Gentiles for HIS NAME's sake.

Romans 16:26 By the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the Eternal GOD, has been made known to all the nations, leading to **OBEDIENCE OF FAITH**

Matthew 6:33 **Seek FIRST the KINGDOM of GOD and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS and all these things will be added to you.**

When we are walking in righteousness → we are walking in The KINGDOM of GOD.

Romans 14:17 The **KINGDOM of GOD is not eating and drinking** (necessities of the flesh) but **RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE and JOY** (Godly Character only found) **IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

The Kingdom of GOD is -> IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

If not → you are walking IN THE KINGDOM OF THIS WORLD.

Galatians 5:16-26 But I say, **walk by the SPIRIT**, and you **will not** carry out the **desire of the flesh**. 17 For the **flesh sets its desire against the SPIRIT**, and the **SPIRIT against the flesh**; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. 19 Now the **deeds of the flesh** are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, **that those who PRACTICE such things WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.** 22 But the **fruit of the SPIRIT** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; 25 If we live by The SPIRIT, let us also **walk by the SPIRIT.**

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BELIEVE for JUSTIFICATION

John 3:16; 5:24; Eph.2:8-9

Romans 3:22; 5:1; 8:30

Eternal Salvation

Deliverance from the **penalty** of sin.

Have Been Saved Ephesians 2:8

OBEY -> To Live in The KINGDOM

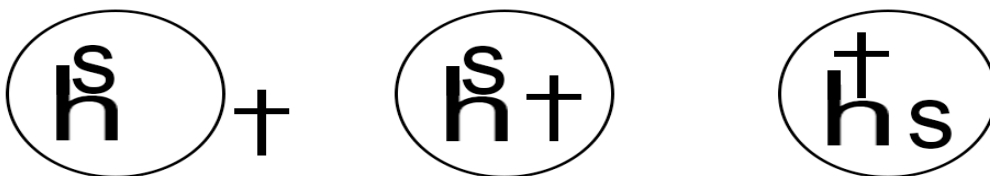
Matthew 7:21-24 Luke 6:46-48

Philippians 2:12 **obey . . wk out salvation**

Day – by – Salvation

Victory over the **power** of sin.

Being Saved 1 Corinthians 1:18



The **circle** is your **life**. / The **h** is the **Throne** in your heart / **S** = self / The Cross = JESUS

1. **Before believing** (Jn.3:3, 5 / 1Cor.2:14) 2. **Still Your Kingdom** Luke 6:46 3. **HIS KINGDOM** Mt.7:21

John 1:40 – 42 **JESUS** looked at him and said, You are **Simon** the son of John, you shall be called **Cephas** (which is translated Peter) . . . **You will have a new name.**

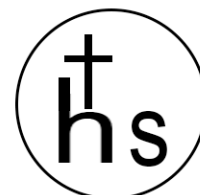
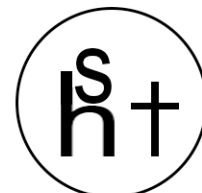
Matthew 16:13 – 18 . . . **Who do you say that I am?** Simon Peter answered, You are the **CHRIST**, the **SON** of The living **GOD**. And **JESUS** said to him, **Blessed** are you, **Simon Barjona**, (son of John) because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My **FATHER** who is in heaven. I also say to you that **you are Peter** . . . **A new name.**

When we are **Born-Again**, 2 Corinthians 5:17 says: **Therefore if any man is in CHRIST he is a new creation**; old things are passed away; behold **NEW** things have come.

1. A New **Name** Revelation 2:17 . . . **a new name**
2. A New **Spirit** Ephesians 4:22-24 **a new self** and heart

From this point on **WE HAVE 2 NATURES** in us, not just one !

- The **old self** –> **kingdom of self** –> decisions of the flesh / self
Mt.16:23 **For you are not setting your mind on GOD's interests, but man's.**
- The **New self** –> **KINGDOM of GOD** –> **OBEY** The SPIRIT. Luke 6:46



The KINGDOM of heaven is forcefully taken and determined and forceful men seize it for themselves.

WE ARE EITHER WALKING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT and HIS desires

-> The KINGDOM of GOD <-

- or -

IN THE FLESH FOLLOWING ITS DESIRES

The Kingdom of this world

And: **those who are in the flesh cannot please God.** Romans 8:8

FOR THE LORD, THE HOLY SPIRIT, TO SPEAK MORE TO US -> TO REVEAL MORE TO US -> WE MUST BE WALKING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT -> WALKING IN OBEDIENCE -> WALKING in RIGHTEOUSNESS

Ephesians 4:27 **DO NOT** give the devil an **OPPORTUNITY**.

1 Timothy 3:7 And he **must have a good reputation** with those outside so **that he WILL NOT FALL** into reproach and **the SNARE of the devil**.

Ephesians 6:11 **Put on the full armor of GOD, so that you will be able to stand firm** against **the schemes of the devil**.

2 Timothy 2:26 they may come to their **senses and escape** from **the snare of the devil**, having been **HELD CAPTIVE by him to do his will**.

James 4:7 **SUBMIT** therefore **to GOD. RESIST the devil** and he will flee from you.

1 Peter 5:8 **Be sober BE ON THE ALERT**. Your adversary, **the devil, prowls around** like a roaring lion, **SEEKING SOMEONE TO DEVOUR**.

Again: **violent or forceful men seize The KINGDOM by force**

The earth is in rebellion against GOD. The KING and HIS KINGDOM have been rejected and opposed.

Luke 4:5-7 And the devil said to HIM, "I will give YOU all this **domain** and its glory; for it has been **HANDED OVER TO ME**, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours."

1 John 5:19 We know that we are of God, and that the **whole world lies in the power of the evil one**.

Psalms 2:1-3 Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing? The **kings of the earth** take their stand **and the rulers** take counsel together **against the LORD** and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!"

The LORD has **not** relinquished His **sovereignty** in this rebellion on earth but has declared HIS purpose to reestablish it.

Psalms 2:4-9 HE who sits in the heavens laughs, The LORD scoffs at them. Then HE will speak to them in HIS anger and terrify them in HIS fury, saying, But as for ME, **I have installed MY KING** upon Zion, MY holy mountain. I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: HE said to ME, YOU are My SON, today I have begotten You. Ask of ME, and **I will surely give the nations as YOUR inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as YOUR possession**. YOU shall break them with a rod of iron, YOU shall shatter them like earthenware. Now therefore, O kings of the earth show discernment; take warning, O judges of the earth. **Worship the LORD** with reverence and rejoice with trembling. Do homage to the SON, that HE not become angry, and you perish in the way, for HIS wrath may soon be kindled. **How blessed are all who take refuge in Him**.

Daniel 2:44 In the days of those kings the GOD of heaven **will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed**, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and **put an end to all these kingdoms**, but **it will itself endure forever**.

Daniel 7:13-14 I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven **One like a SON of Man** was coming, and HE came up to

the Ancient of Days and was presented before HIM. And **to HIM was given dominion, Glory and a KINGDOM**, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve HIM. HIS dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; **HIS KINGDOM will not be destroyed.**

1 Corinthians 15:24-26 Then comes the end, when He hands over the **KINGDOM** to the GOD and FATHER, when HE has abolished all rule and all authority and power. For HE must reign until HE has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death.

To justly **REGAIN** and begin **to re-establish His KINGDOM** on earth, He chose a people, Israel, and gave them His law - **the Laws of the Kingdom** and **appointed kings** to administer HIS KINGDOM over them.

1 Chronicles 28:5-7 Of all my sons HE has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the **KINGDOM of the LORD** over Israel. He said to me, Your son Solomon is the one who shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to be a son to Me, and I will be a FATHER to him. I will establish **his Kingdom forever IF** he resolutely performs **My commandments** and **My ordinances**, as is done now.

Israel later rejected THE KING, the SON OF GOD, and shared in the common rebellion: Isaiah 1:2-4 John 1:11 Matthew 27:35-37 Romans 11:15

And the KINGDOM was taken away from Israel and given to the Church.
Matthew 21:28-43 23:37-38 28:18-20

Therefore, **FOR NOW, the KINGDOM of GOD is:** THE AREA, REALM OR DOMAIN, IN WHICH **HIS RULE IS WILLINGLY RECEIVED AND OBEYED.**

God calls upon men everywhere, without distinction of race or nationality **to believe the gospel and submit voluntarily to HIS rule.** Acts 17:30

Upon believing the gospel a person is taken into the KINGDOM of GOD. His passport and citizenship is in Heaven. Philippians 3:20

Colossians 1:13-14 HE has **rescued us** from the **kingdom of darkness**, and he has **TRANSFERRED us into the KINGDOM OF HIS BELOVED SON** in whom we have **redemption**, the **forgiveness** of our sins.

With reference to the above verses -> this is the ETERNAL or HEAVENLY PERSPECTIVE. But to abide in The Kingdom today -> obedience is required.

The Kingdom is said to be “in mystery” now:

Mark 4:11-12 And He was saying to them, To **you** has been given the **mystery of the KINGDOM OF GOD**, but **those** who are **outside** get everything in parables, **so that** while seeing, they may **see and not perceive**, and while hearing, they may hear and **not understand**, otherwise they might return and be forgiven.

- Why? Read Matthew 13 tares among wheat. HIS Kingdom is HIS Family only

It is not seen in the natural world:

Luke 17:20-21 Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the **KINGDOM of GOD was coming**, HE answered them and said, The **KINGDOM of GOD** is not coming with signs to be observed (with borders that clearly define its territory) they will not say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, **THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU.**

- The **new man** or self, is in us. And the **old man** or self, is also still in us. Ephesians 4:22-24

The KINGDOM is spiritually discerned or recognized:

John 3:3 JESUS answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born from above**, he cannot **see the KINGDOM of GOD.**

1 Corinthians 2:14 But a **natural man** does not accept the things of the **SPIRIT of GOD**, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are **spiritually appraised.**

In The Future The Lord Will Establish His Kingdom on Earth By Force and it will then be seen in all its glory.

Matthew 25:31-34 But when the SON of Man comes in HIS glory, and all the angels with HIM, then HE will sit on HIS glorious throne. **All the nations** will be gathered before HIM; and HE will **separate** them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and HE will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. Then the KING will say to those on His right, Come, you who are blessed of My FATHER, **inherit The KINGDOM prepared for you from the foundation of the world.**

Revelation 11:15-18 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The **KINGDOM of the world has become the KINGDOM of our LORD and of HIS CHRIST**; and HE will **REIGN FOREVER** and ever. And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before GOD, fell on their faces and worshiped GOD, saying, "We give You thanks, O LORD GOD, the ALMIGHTY, who are and who were, because **YOU have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.** Also the Parables of Matt. 13:1-52

II. Entering The KINGDOM Today

The KINGDOM of GOD is the territory and people over whom The KING rules. Therefore it is the KING'S DOMAIN or KINGDOM.

Mark 1:14-15 Now after John had been taken into custody, JESUS came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of GOD, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the **KINGDOM OF GOD is at hand**; **repent and believe** in the gospel.

FIRST STEP From the words of JESUS to enter the Kingdom is the requirement to: **REPENT.**

REPENT means: **to think differently / to change your mind / turn around**

TO THINK DIFFERENTLY as to who the One and Only True GOD is and **turn from** the world's Kingdom **to** THE KING and Serve HIM.

1 Thessalonians 1:9 you **TURNED to GOD** from idols to serve a living and true **GOD**

SECOND: Turning to and believing in JESUS results in being BORN AGAIN.

John 3:5 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water (natural birth) and the SPIRIT (Spiritual birth) **he cannot ENTER the KINGDOM of GOD.**

1 Corinthians 2:14 A **natural man** (without the Spirit) **does not accept the things of the SPIRIT of GOD, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.**

Matthew 7:21 **Not everyone** who says to Me, Lord, Lord, **will enter the KINGDOM of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father.** 22 Many will say to Me on that day, LORD, LORD, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles? 23 And then I will declare to them, **I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness.**

This verse brings a dire Warning: there are those who do not have a true born-again relationship with JESUS. But motivated by religious “good works” they prophesy, cast out demons, and perform miracles.

And **No wonder**, they perform miracles for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness 2 Cor 11:14-15

And if JESUS **never knew** them, then they are doing the deeds of their father and they cannot hear HIS word because **You are of* your father the devil** John 8:41-44

II. Living In The Kingdom

To Continually LIVE in the Kingdom, we **MUST THINK DIFFERENTLY** from the World’s way of thinking - TO -> **“KINGDOM THINKING.”**

Example: Israel was looking for a Messiah to rule in **the World's way** over the Romans who were ruling over Israel.

JESUS WAS going to rule over man - the only true way - by "SETTING MEN FREE" from their REAL enemies, not the Romans but: SIN, SATAN AND DEATH.

Israel wanted a Ruler, but one who ruled the way they wanted him to rule. As the earthly kings around them ruled over their people.

To LIVE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD REQUIRES:

FIRST: Romans 12:1 **PRESENT YOUR BODIES** a living and **holy sacrifice**, acceptable to God, which is **your spiritual service of worship**.

Not only must you be "born again," that is to have JESUS as **SAVIOR**

But JESUS **MUST** also be -> **LORD** of your life.

Luke 6:46 **Why do you call Me, Lord, Lord, and do not do what I say**

When Jesus presented His body as a living and **holy sacrifice** at HIS baptism, His FATHER responded by giving HIS SON JESUS the ANOINTING, POWER and AUTHORITY of the HOLY SPIRIT to equip HIM for the work of the ministry of the KINGDOM of GOD (Luke 3:21-22 and 4:18-19).

❖ And the same is true for you and me.

SECOND:

Romans 12:2 **DO NOT** be conformed to this world, **but be TRANSFORMED** by the **renewing of your MIND**, so that **YOU MAY PROVE** what the **WILL OF GOD is**, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

We **MUST change our thinking:**

FROM: what **is seen** in this world and it's principals

TO: the 'unseen' Eternal KINGDOM of GOD.

2 Corinthians 4:18 We **look not** at the things which **are seen**, but at the things which are **not seen**; for the things which are **seen** are **temporal**, but the things which are **not seen** are **eternal**.

Only when we **change our thinking** will we be “**laborers together with Him**” (1Cor.3:9) “**destroying the works of the devil**” (1John3:8).

2 Corinthians 10:4-6 For the **weapons of our warfare** are not of the flesh, but **DIVINELY powerful** for the **destruction of fortresses**. We are **destroying speculations** and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of GOD, and **WE ARE TAKING EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE** to the **OBEDIENCE** of CHRIST.

THIRD:

Matthew 6:31-33 **Do not worry then**, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for **your Heavenly FATHER knows that you need all these**.

Matthew 18:3 Truly I say to you, unless you are **converted** and **become like CHILDREN**, you **will not ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**.

Mark 10:15 Truly I say to you, whoever does not **RECEIVE THE KINGDOM of GOD LIKE A CHILD** will not enter it at all.

- Children do **NOT WORRY**. They **TRUST** their Father to feed and cloth them and provide ALL they NEED.

But **SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM** and **HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS**, and **ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE ADDED TO YOU**.

Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who **HUNGER and THIRST** for **RIGHTEOUSNESS** for **they shall be satisfied**.

WE MUST BE DESPERATE, HUNGRY and THIRSTY, SEEKING TO LIVE IN the KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS WILL → HIS DOMAIN.

Matthew 4:23-5:2 Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, **teaching** in their synagogues and **proclaiming** the **gospel of The KINGDOM**, and **HEALING every kind of disease** and every kind of **sickness** among the people.

JESUS was **preaching** and **DEMONSTRATING** that the KINGDOM of GOD was at hand. Demonstrating that the **purpose** of the KINGDOM of GOD was **to set people free** from the **kingdom of this world** and its destructive ways.

The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him **all who were ill**, those suffering with various **diseases** and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and **He healed them**. **Large crowds followed Him** from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

They followed Him great distances, left their normal daily routines, because they were **DESPERATE** for the things of the KINGDOM.

Matthew 5 The Sermon on the Mount; The Beatitudes

When JESUS saw the crowds, HE went up on the mountain; and after HE sat down, HIS disciples came to HIM. HE opened HIS mouth and began to teach them, saying . . .

Because **the crowd persevered in following** -> JESUS taught them what their **attitude must be** for **LIVING IN THE KINGDOM**

- Mt.5:13-20 How to live in the world
- Mt.5:21-48 Personal Relationships
- Mt.6:1-15 Concerning Prayer and Giving
- Mt.6:16-24 Fasting
- Mt.6:25-34 What is Important and of Value
- Mt.7:1-6 Judging Others

- Mt.7:7-12 Persistent Prayer
- Mt.7:13-23 The Importance of our Choices
- Mt.7:24-29 Two Foundations

III. The Works of The Kingdom.

What we can ask for and be empowered to do.

John 14:10-14 **DO YOU BELIEVE** that I am in the FATHER, and the FATHER is in ME? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the FATHER abiding in ME does HIS works. **BELIEVE ME** that I am in the FATHER and the FATHER is in ME; otherwise **BELIEVE BECAUSE OF THE WORKS THEMSELVES**. Truly, truly, I say to you, **HE WHO BELIEVES in Me, the works that I do, HE WILL DO ALSO; AND GREATER WORKS** than these **HE WILL DO**; because I go to the FATHER. Whatever you ask **in MY name**, that will I do, **so that the FATHER may be glorified in the SON. IF YOU ASK ME ANYTHING IN MY NAME I WILL DO IT**

“My name” that is: **no one comes to the Father but through Me.**

Our **access** to heaven, to our FATHER and to all of heavens privileges is . . . **through JESUS**, our Mediator.

Name: - A word or words by which a person is designated and distinguished from others.

The name JESUS, designates HIM as being separate and distinguished from His FATHER. Yet, He is ‘one’ with His FATHER.

“in the name of” means: - BY THE AUTHORITY OF

example: “Open up in the name of the law!” The person speaking this is **‘under the authority of’** the government and **has been told what to do** and given the **authority** to do it.

John 14:15 **IF you love ME, YOU WILL KEEP My commandments.**

OBEDIENCE places you **under authority**. What we ask for and what we do is by **HIS directive**. What we see HIM doing or hear HIM saying.

The '**works**' or **miracles** Jesus did was **not** because He was GOD or the SON of GOD. HE gave that privilege up (Phil.2:6-7). What HE did HE did as a **man**, **UNDER AUTHORITY, OBEDIENT** to HIS FATHER in the **power** of the HOLY SPIRIT.

John 5:19-20 Truly, truly, I say to you, **the SON can do nothing** of Himself, **unless** it is something **He sees** the FATHER doing; for **whatever the FATHER does**, these things **the SON also does** in like manner. For **the FATHER loves the SON** (The FATHER loves You also) and **shows HIM all things that HE Himself is doing**; and the FATHER will show Him **greater works** than these, so that **you** will marvel.

John 5:30 **I can do NOTHING on My own initiative**. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, **because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me**.

We have now been brought into this '**chain of authority**.' **We** can do **Nothing** unless we '**see**' JESUS doing as He sees The FATHER doing. He is our Mediator between the FATHER and us.

For we were taught to pray:

Our FATHER in Heaven, Hallowed be YOUR NAME. (worship)

YOUR KINGDOM COME. NOT MINE! (The Lordship of JESUS).

Your will be done, **on earth** as it is in heaven (Matt 6:9-10).

- Because I do not seek **My own will**, but the **will of HIM** who sent Me.

John 5:30

If we want HIS WILL TO BE DONE on this earth it **MUST FIRST** be done in our life / in this piece of earth. → **I do not seek My own will -> but the will of HIM who sent Me.** **WE MUST PRAY FOR IT!** **WE MUST ASK FOR IT!** Then **DECLARE IT** as JESUS did and then WALK in it -> **DEMONSTRATE** it.

Hebrews 11:1-2 **FAITH** is the **ASSURANCE** of things hoped for, the **CONVICTION** of things **NOT SEEN**.

2 Corinthians 4:18 while we **look NOT** at the things which **are seen**, (on this earth) but at **THE THINGS** which are not seen (on this earth) for **the things which are seen are temporal**, but **the things which are not seen are eternal**.

By the PRAYER of FAITH we bring the KINGDOM Things that are “NOT SEEN” TO THIS EARTH TO “BE SEEN.”

Matthew 16:19 **I WILL give YOU the keys of the KINGDOM** of heaven; and **whatever YOU** bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and **whatever YOU** loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY !

John 4:34 **JESUS** said to them, My food is **to DO THE WILL of HIM who sent Me and to accomplish HIS work**

Our “food” -> that empowers us -> gives us energy -> strength and direction **MUST** be **HIS WILL AND HIS work**

On the Cross Jesus said: **It is finished** John 19:30.

His work is finished. And to all His disciples He says: **as the FATHER has sent ME, I ALSO SEND YOU.** (John 20:21)

We are sent with the same ANOINTING, same AUTHORITY and the same MISSION or work. (Luke 4:18)

This will require an ENCOUNTER or CLASH with the world forces of Darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness

Again: **violent or forceful men seize The KINGDOM by force**

1 John 3:8 The Son of GOD appeared for this purpose, to **destroy the works of the devil.**

Luke 11:20 If I cast out demons by the finger of GOD, then the **KINGDOM of GOD** has come **upon you.**

John 9:4 We **MUST work the works of Him who sent Me** as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

John 14:12 **Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in ME, the works that I do, he will do also;** and **greater works** than these he will do; **because I go to the FATHER. Whatever you ask in MY NAME, that will I do,** so that the FATHER may **be glorified** in the SON. **If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.**

Matthew 18:18 Truly I say to you, **whatever you bind** on earth **shall have been bound in heaven;** and **whatever you loose** on earth **shall have been loosed in heaven.**

“Greater works” begin with our Father → to Jesus → to us

JESUS IS OUR MEDIATOR.

- (1) **Seek first the KINGDOM of GOD** -> Jesus takes our prayers to the Father and
- (2) HE sends the answer back to us and
- (3) we obey, speak it → and
- (4) “HE does it”

Now, in answer to Thomas’ question, **how do we know the way?**

Jesus says: John 14:16-18 **I will ask** the FATHER, and **HE will give you** another (gk. allos – another of the same kind) Helper, that **HE** may be **WITH YOU FOREVER;** that is the **SPIRIT of TRUTH,** whom the world cannot receive, because it does

not see HIM or know HIM, but **you know HIM** because **HE abides with you and will be in you**. I will not leave you comfortless; **I will come to you**.

Jesus says **“I will ask . . . the Father will give . . . another Helper, the SPIRIT of Truth.”** Then JESUS says **“I will come to you.”**

For the HOLY SPIRIT to come -> is for JESUS to come. They are separate and distinguished from each other, yet they are ‘one.’

John 14:19-20 After a little while the world will no longer see ME, but **you will see ME**; because I live, **YOU WILL LIVE ALSO**. In that day YOU WILL KNOW **THAT I AM IN MY FATHER, AND YOU IN ME, AND I IN YOU.**

“In that day” speaking of resurrection day when the disciples are born again and the HOLY SPIRIT comes ‘into’ them, then you WILL KNOW that I am **in My FATHER** (one), and **YOU IN ME** (one with JESUS), and **I IN YOU**.

JESUS in us! The **HOLY SPIRIT in us!** **WE ARE in JESUS** and **JESUS is in The FATHER** so **WE ARE IN THE FATHER**. Think about that

John 14:26 But the HELPER, the HOLY SPIRIT, whom the FATHER **will send in MY NAME**, **HE will TEACH YOU all things**, and **BRING TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE all that I said to you**. Thank YOU JESUS !!!

Name: A word by which a person is designated and distinguished from others. the FATHER will send **in My name -> The Name of JESUS**.

in the name of -> means by the AUTHORITY of

The FATHER will send The HOLY SPIRIT **in My name** -> because of the **AUTHORITY** given JESUS OVER ALL THE EARTH AND MANKIND.

Matthew 28:18-20 **ALL AUTHORITY** has been given to Me **in heaven and on earth**. 19 **GO THEREFORE** and **make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the FATHER and the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT, 20 **teaching them**

to observe all that **I commanded you**; and I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

John 15:7 **IF you abide in ME (#1); and My words abide in you (#2); you shall ask what YOU WILL (#3); and IT SHALL BE DONE unto you (#4)**

If you abide in ME, and MY words abide in you -> then HIS WILL becomes YOUR WILL. The inhabitation of HIS WORDS in us is JESUS Himself who IS THE WORD John 1:1

We are:

- clean through HIS WORD (John 15:3),
- sanctified through HIS WORD (John 17:17),
- He dwells in us through HIS WORDS (John 15:7).
- The believing reception of HIS WORD opens the heart to let HIM come in to us.

So in the preceding chapter:

John 14:23 **If a man loves ME he WILL KEEP MY WORDS:** and My FATHER will love him, and **We will come to him**, and make our abode **with him**.

And so: Revelation 3:20 **Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice (MY Words) and opens the door, I will come in to him** [and so HIS WORDS abide in us] **and will dine with him, and he with Me.**

Matthew 11:15 **He who has ears to hear, let him hear.**

THIS IS WHERE IT BEGINS → Hearing His Voice. And then taking time to commune with Him → sitting at His feet as Mary did instead of busy in the ministry as Martha, listening to Him (Luke 10:38-42).

You shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you.

When we ask for that which is NOT HIS will, WE SEE NO ACTION. Proving that a limitation exists. If there is no limitations, such an open license would allow all manner of fanatical extravagance.

The **one limitation** that is mentioned is enough to guide our asking so as to ensure the answer: **IF we ABIDE in CHRIST, and CHRIST's Words abide in us.**

Every thought is brought into captivity to the obedience of CHRIST, then no desire will arise and no petition be offered but such as are in sync with HIS DIVINE WILL.

Then, **that person will do the works** of GOD THE FATHER, and the LORD JESUS CHRIST, here on this earth.

Luke 9:1-2 He called the twelve together, and **gave them POWER and AUTHORITY** over all the **demons** and to **heal diseases**. And **HE** sent them out to **PROCLAIM** the **KINGDOM of GOD** and to **PERFORM HEALING**.

Luke 10:1 Now after this the Lord appointed **seventy others**, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. (Vs.9-12) and **HEAL those who are sick**, and say to them, **The KINGDOM of God has come near to you**. But whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, Even the dust of your city which clings to our feet we wipe off in protest against you; yet be sure of this, that **the KINGDOM of GOD has come near**. I say to you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city. (Vs.16) **The one who listens to you listens to Me**, and the one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me.

Luke 10:17-20 The seventy returned with joy, saying, LORD, even the demons are subject to us in Your name. And He said to them, I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. Behold, **I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will**

injure you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but **REJOICE THAT YOUR NAMES ARE RECORDED IN HEAVEN.**

IV. Conclusion

John 16:12 **When HE, the SPIRIT of TRUTH comes, HE will guide you into all the TRUTH;** for HE will not speak on HIS own initiative, but whatever **HE hears, HE will speak;** and **HE WILL DISCLOSE TO YOU what is to come.** HE will glorify ME, for **HE will take of Mine and WILL DISCLOSE IT TO YOU.** **ALL THINGS THAT THE FATHER HAS ARE MINE;** therefore, I said that HE takes of Mine and **WILL DISCLOSE IT TO YOU.**

With that PROMISE I Hunger and Thirst for a Closer, more intimate Relationship with The HOLY SPIRIT to LISTEN and LEARN and be Confirmed into HIS image. And manifest The KINGDOM everywhere.

1 Corinthians 2:9-16 **But as it is written: eye has not seen, ear has not heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man the things which GOD has prepared for those who love HIM.** 10 But **GOD HAS REVEALED THEM TO US THROUGH HIS SPIRIT.** For the SPIRIT searches all things, yes, the **deep things** of GOD. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of GOD except the SPIRIT of GOD. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the SPIRIT who is from GOD, **that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by GOD.** 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the HOLY SPIRIT teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the SPIRIT of GOD, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he

who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is judged by no one. 16
 For who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?"
BUT WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST.

The KINGDOM of GOD IS OUR ETERNAL INHERITANCE.

1 Peter 1:4 . . . an **INHERITANCE** which is imperishable and undefiled
 and will not fade away, **reserved in heaven for you**

And it is AVAILABLE NOW ! If we earnestly desire it.

Matthew 6:33 **SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM** and **HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS**
 and all these things in The KINGDOM of GOD will be added to you.

**The KINGDOM of heaven is forcefully taken, and determined
 and forceful men seize it for themselves.**

Let us Give thanks to **The FATHER**, who has **QUALIFIED US** to share
 in the **INHERITANCE** of the **SAINTS in LIGHT**. Colossians 1:12

And now I commend you to GOD and to the Word of HIS Grace,
 which is able to build you up and to **give you the inheritance** among
 all those who are sanctified. Acts 20:32

So we Pray: **Thy KINGDOM come, Thy WILL be done on earth** (in me) **as
 it is in Heaven.** (Mt.6:) **The KINGDOM of GOD is Within YOU** (Luke 17:21)

Lets be Determined, Persistent, Faithful and Forceful Men and Women
 Seeking First and Living day by day in the KINGDOM of GOD Making
 Known The POWER of HIS LOVE to All HE LEADS US TO.

Sons and Daughters with Power

By Franklin

1 Cor. 4:20 The **KINGDOM of GOD** does not consist in words but in **POWER**.

Paul said: 1 Cor 2:4-5 my message and my preaching were **not** in persuasive words of wisdom, but in **demonstration of the SPIRIT and of POWER**, ⁵so that **your faith would not** rest on the wisdom of men, but **on the POWER of GOD**.

- Many people come to Faith by **seeing** healings and miracles.

JESUS is our example: Romans 1:3-4 concerning HIS SON ⁴who was **DECLARED the SON of GOD with POWER** by the resurrection from the dead **JESUS CHRIST** our LORD.

- JESUS is declared to be and has the testimony and the proof that HE is THE **SON of GOD with POWER**. He did no miracles until The HOLY SPIRIT came UPON HIM.
- He healed the sick / sight to the blind / raised the dead / cast out demons / calmed the wind / walked on water / multiplied food / turned water into wine / and . . .
- **We also** are either **CHILDREN of GOD** (Galatians 4:1) or **SONS of GOD with power** [mature ones] and also have been raised from the dead with CHRIST. (Ephesians 2:5-6 Romans 6:4)
- When we are BORN AGAIN we are considered CHILDREN. Because the SPIRIT OF GOD is in us to **teach** us, **lead** us and **show** us the “things of GOD.” We have No Excuse to remain babes unless we are “**quenching***” The HOLY SPIRIT (*1Thes. 5:19) living in the wilderness and going around the same mountain again and again.

Paul Spoke to the Corinthian Church about this:

1 Cor 3:1-3 **And I could not speak to you as spiritual but as to INFANTS** in whom the **old carnal nature still predominates**. 2 I gave you **milk**, not solid food, and you were not able to receive it; even now you are not able. 3 For you are **still living out of your old nature of the flesh** with jealousy and strife among you, like unchanged men and women. Jealousy and strife are a sign of immaturity.

Hebrews 5:11-14 Concerning HIM we have much to say, and it is **hard to explain**, since **you have become DULL OF HEARING**. 12 For though by this time **you OUGHT TO BE TEACHERS**, you have need again for someone to **teach you** the elementary principles of the oracles of GOD, and you have come to **need milk and not solid food**. 13 For **everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for HE IS AN INFANT**. 14 But **solid food** is for the **MATURE**, who because of practice **have their senses trained to discern good and evil**.

- We all must evaluate our lives as to our maturity. Dull of hearing? Teaching others? Do I study the Scriptures?

We also **should have the same testimony**. Our lives should **DECLARE** that we are **“SONS & DAUGHTERS with POWER”**

How can this come about? It is answered by: **Who is in You** and **Who is Upon You**. (The HOLY SPIRIT)

John 14:20 **In that day** (when Jesus comes to us (vs.18) and we are born again) **you will know that** (1) **I AM IN MY FATHER**, and (2) **YOU IN ME**, and (3) **I IN YOU**.

- There is no way our rational mind can see this as possible (1Cor2:14).
But it IS a Spiritual Truth.

WE MUST BELIEVE THIS ENTIRELY, WITH NO DOUBT.

- We are in JESUS / JESUS is in the Father / therefore we are in The FATHER / and JESUS is in us. How awesome is that??
- Therefore: **I CAN DO ALL THINGS through HIM who strengthens me.** Philippians 4:13
- **For nothing will be impossible with God.** Luke 1:37

John 14:23 **If anyone loves Me, HE WILL KEEP MY WORD; and My FATHER will love him, and We (JESUS and our FATHER) will come to him (to us) and make our abode** (literal -> residence or mansion) **with him.**

- We become the RESIDENCE, the HOUSE, where The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY lives !!!
- This is who You were created to be ! The Temple of the MOST HIGH GOD!!!

1 Cor. 3:16 **DO YOU NOT KNOW that YOU ARE A TEMPLE OF GOD and The Spirit of God dwells in you?** See also: Eph.2:19-22; 1Pt.2:4-45

JESUS asks us a Good Question: John 14:10 **DO YOU NOT BELIEVE that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me?** The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but **the Father abiding IN ME DOES HIS WORKS.**

- With the HOLY SPIRIT of The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY **in us**, makes it **possible** that **The words we say** are not from our own initiative . . . This is where prophecy, words of knowledge & wisdom come from:
- The Father **abiding in us DOES HIS WORKS**, or **wants** to do HIS WORKS in and through us.

11 BELIEVE ME that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise BELIEVE BECAUSE OF THE WORKS themselves.

- Be a BELIEVER !!!
- The Signs and Wonders, or The Works, are Very important in bringing a person to Believe in JESUS. Arguments and debates rarely ever do.
- And JESUS says: **as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.** John 20:21 With The HOLY SPIRIT of GOD ALMIGHTY **in us** and **upon us!**

12 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, THE WORKS THAT I DO, he WILL DO ALSO Because it is The FATHER and The HOLY SPIRIT OF JESUS IN US. and greater than these he will do because I go to the Father.

13 Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the FATHER may be glorified in the Son.

- THIS IS WHAT WE WERE CREATED FOR !

Matthew 10:7-8 **And as you go, proclaim, saying, The KINGDOM of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons.** Freely you received, freely give.

Acts 1:4-8 He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of The FATHER, ⁵John baptized with water, but **you shall be baptized** in the **Holy Spirit** not many days from now. ⁸**You shall receive**

POWER WHEN the HOLY SPIRIT has come UPON YOU; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

- The **POWER** of The **HOLY SPIRIT UPON** - which is the baptism of the HOLY SPIRIT - IS **NECESSARY** “TO BE HIS WITNESSES.”
- To baptize is to “immerse into” Luke put it this way: (24:49)
And behold, I am sending forth the **promise** of My Father **upon you**; but you are to stay in the city until you are ***CLOTHED WITH POWER from on high**. *ἐνδύω **enduo** (en-doo'-o); in the sense of sinking into a garment; to invest with clothing

Like Aaron being soaked from head to foot in the anointing oil: **It is like the precious oil UPON the head, coming down upon Aaron's beard, running down upon the edge of his robes.** Psalm 133:2

Develop the mental picture, use your imagination, and see the ANOINTING of The **HOLY SPIRIT** coming down **UPON YOU**, covering you, soaking you every morning, that YOUR LIFE MAY “DECLARE that you ARE A SON OR DAUGHTER of the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY . . . **with POWER !**

And, that GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY and THE LORD JESUS CHRIST are “**IN YOU**” in the Person of THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Therefore:

- **I CAN DO ALL THINGS through HIM who** (is in me and) **strengthens me.** Philippians 4:13
- I can live victoriously over all sin – all addictions – all desires of the flesh . . . I WILL SEE MIRACLES AND HEALINGS
- **GOD is for me, so who can stand against me?** Romans 8:31
- **Greater is HE who is in me than he who is in the world.** 1 John 4:4

- No weapon that is formed against me will prosper Isaiah 54:17
- **In all these things** we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. Romans 8:37
- **Be strong in the LORD and in the strength of His might.** Ephesians 6:10

This verse should encourage us:

1 Cor. 1:26-27 **Consider your calling**, there are not many **wise** according to the flesh, not many **mighty**, not many **noble**; **27**but **God has chosen the foolish** things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the **weak** things of the world to shame the things which are strong . .

Here are some examples:

Moses: “who am I? I cannot speak well. They will not believe me.” He thought his past sin of murder disqualified him before GOD and the people. **It is not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD.** Zech. 4:6

Jeremiah: “I am just a youth, I don’t know how to speak.” He thought his age disqualified him. **The LORD said to me, Do not say, I am a youth, because everywhere I send you, you shall go, and all that I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, For I AM WITH YOU to deliver you, declares the LORD.**

Gideon: “My family is the least and I am the youngest, a nobody.” He thought he was **insignificant**. **It is not by your ability nor by your strength, but BY MY SPIRIT, says the LORD of hosts.** Zechariah 4:6

Another Truth:

1 Cor. 1:6-7 **the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, so that you are not lacking in any gift**, waiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ

1 John 2:6 The one who says **HE abides in him** ought himself to **walk in the same manner as HE walked.**

He healed the sick / the lepers / sight to the blind / raised the dead / stopped the wind . . . turned water to wine . . . multiplied the bread & fishes

The FATHER is in YOU / The HOLY SPIRIT of JESUS is **IN YOU** / The Gifts of The SPIRIT are **IN You** . . . And the HOLY SPIRIT is **ON YOU**.

BELIEVE IT Be a BELIEVER

Follow the leading of The HOLY SPIRIT in you, listen to the still small voice and Obey it

As JESUS said to His disciples, He also says to us:

And as you go, proclaim, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give. Matthew 10:7-8

Let it be DECLARED by the SIGNS and WONDERS that **WE ARE SONS & DAUGHTERS** of The MOST HIGH GOD, our FATHER and LORD JESUS CHRIST.

So, use your **imagination** to see GOD The FATHER and the HOLY SPIRIT OF JESUS **living, dwelling within YOU.**

See yourself as **the HOUSE OF GOD** here on earth.

You Host HIS Presence.

YOU are HIS Voice to Declare HIS LOVE. HIS arms to impart CARE,
CONCERN, ACCEPTANCE, and HEALING.

Say this every morning before you start your day:

I was crucified with CHRIST; I am **DEAD!** I no longer live, but **The HOLY SPIRIT** of **JESUS** and my **FATHER lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by **FAITH in the SON OF GOD**, who **LOVES ME** and **GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME.** Galatians 2:20 with addition

Expect to see Miracles every day

Look for Opportunities to Declare You are a Son or Daughter with Power

For the Glory of God our FATHER and LORD JESUS CHRIST

Consider this: JESUS is The WORD of GOD.

John 1:1 In the beginning was **The Word**, and The Word was with God, and **The Word was God.** JESUS is The WORD of GOD.

John 1:14 **The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us**

- JESUS spoke and the impossible happened.
- As a Believer, **JESUS, The WORD of GOD is NOW IN YOU !**
- Now As a Believer, **the WORD becomes flesh and *dwells IN US**
*to occupy as a mansion, or to reside as GOD did in the Tabernacle.
- **AND WE HAVE BECOME THE HOUSE OF GOD !**
it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me Gal. 2:20

So, being the HOUSE of GOD, lets consider Jacob's Dream

1 Cor. 10:11 Now these things (in the O.T.) happened to them as an **example**, and they were written **for our instruction**, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

Genesis 28:10-17 Then Jacob . . . **11**came to a certain place and spent the night there . . . **12**He had a dream, a **ladder** was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and **the angels** of GOD were **ascending** and **descending** on it. **13**And **The LORD stood above it** and said, **I am the LORD**. . . **15****I AM with you** and **will keep you** wherever you go . . . **I will not leave you** until I have done what I have **promised you**. **16****Then Jacob awoke** and said, Surely **the LORD is in this place**, and I did not know it. **17**He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the **HOUSE OF GOD**, and this is the **gate of heaven**."

The LORD GOD was there because Jacob was there.

John 14:23 **If anyone loves Me . . . My Father** will love him, and **We** (JESUS and our FATHER) **will come to him and make our abode** (literal -> residence, **HOUSE**) **with him**.

- Romans 8:9 the **Spirit of God dwells in you**. (vs.10) **Christ is in you** (Vs.11) the **SPIRIT of HIM** who raised JESUS from the dead **dwells in You**

From this we can conclude that:

WE ARE THE HOUSE OF GOD.

John 14:23 **Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, THE WORKS THAT I DO, he WILL DO ALSO** Because it is The FATHER and The HOLY SPIRIT OF JESUS IN US. and **GREATER** than these he will do, because I go to the Father. **13** Whatever you ask in MY NAME, that **I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**

Meditate & Visualize That!

Genesis 28:17 **And this is the gate of heaven.**

- In the O.T. **The gate** was where the king or ruling authorities met the people, and their decisions were made known, and then carried out. [See: 2Samuel 19:8; Jeremiah 38:7-8]

Now as **The House of GOD** with an **Open Heaven** we **MEET** and **COMMUNE** with The LORD at **The Gate**. **The GATE is wherever we are.**

This speaks of the **IMPORTANCE** and **PRIORITY** of our **PRAYER** or **Communion** with The LORD. When we Pray **Your KINGDOM come**, We are Praying not only for it to come to this earth in it's fullness (Mt.25:31+) but to come **NOW** in it's fullness **in my life**. And then make it your desire and prayer that **Your Will be done**

Luke 17:21 . . . **the Kingdom of God is within you.**

We **MUST** be Attentive, Listening and Obeying our **AUTHORITY**, to carry out **HIS WILL**. (Luke 6:46) Just as **JESUS DID: HIS DAY BEGAN WITH PRAYER.**

Mark 1:35 **Early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, and went to a secluded place and was praying**

Luke 9:29-35 And while **He was praying**, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing white & gleaming. (Moses face in the presence of The LORD shined. So will yours as YOU spend time in HIS PRESENCE)
³⁰two men were talking with Him; Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure . . Now Peter and his companions saw HIS glory and the two men standing with Him. ³⁵ Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, **This is My Son, My Chosen One; LISTEN TO HIM!**

Principalities and powers also have “**gates**” where their decrees are given. The Question is → at which gate are we spending the most time???

Matthew 16:18-19 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build **My church**, and the **gates of Hades shall not prevail against it**. And I will **give you the keys** (authority) of the KINGDOM of Heaven, and **whatever you bind** on earth will be bound in heaven, and **whatever you loose** on earth will be loosed in heaven.

In other words: their wisdom, authority and power **will not prevail** against The Church. Against The . . .

Sons & Daughters with POWER !

Greater is HE who is in you than he who is in the world. 1 John 4:4-5

However, if we are still CHILDREN we may be spending more time at the WRONG GATE . . . ²¹From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day. ²² Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, God forbid Lord! This shall never happen to You. ²³ But HE turned and said to Peter,

Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for **you are not setting your MIND on GOD's interests, but man's.**

Our mind can be a big stumbling block that keeps us from reaching maturity and becoming a “Son or Daughter with Power !

Genesis 28:12 a **ladder** was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; **the angels** of GOD were **ascending** and **descending** on it.

- They Are **ascending** and **descending UPON US** since we are **The HOUSE of GOD** and **HE DWELLS WITHIN US.**

- John 1:51 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the **heavens opened** and the **angels** of GOD **ascending** and **descending** on the **Son of Man.**

Matthew 3:16 After JESUS was **BAPTIZED** the HEAVENS WERE **OPENED**, and The SPIRIT of GOD descending **upon HIM**, and a voice out of the heavens said, **This is My Beloved Son**, in whom I am well-pleased.

When YOU believed and were baptized **the heavens were opened over you** and The LORD declared, this is “My Beloved Son or Daughter in whom I AM WELL PLEASED.”

Where The **HOUSE of GOD** is, there is an **OPEN HEAVEN** with a **ladder** and **angels ascending** and **descending** upon **The SON of GOD in us.**

So, What Are Our Angels Doing? Psalm 91:9-13 For you have made the LORD The MOST HIGH, **your dwelling place.** **10**No evil will befall you, nor will any **plague** come near **your dwelling** (House). **11**For He will give **HIS ANGELS charge concerning you**, to guard you in all your ways. **12**They will bear you up in their hands, that you do not strike your foot against a stone. **13**You will tread upon the lion and cobra, the young lion and the serpent **you will trample down.** (see Romans 16:20)

- Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all **ministering spirits**, sent out **to render service** for the sake of those who will **inherit** salvation?
- Rev 22:8-9 The angel said to me, I am a **servant of yours** and of your brethren the prophets and of those who **heed the words of this book**.

The Angels carry our Prayers to Heaven, before The Throne (see Rev. 5:8) and return to bring the answer to our Prayers or to carry out their assignment as seen in Genesis 19:1 to rescue Lot.

To quote Bill Johnson:

"A lifestyle that does not Pray, believe and attempt the impossible, has a ladder with little traffic, and Guardian Angels with little to do."

Genesis 28:13 **And The LORD stood above it and said, I am The LORD. . .**

- There was a day when The LORD introduced Himself to YOU!

Matthew 16:16-17 Simon Peter answered, "You are the **CHRIST**, the **SON of the living GOD**." **17**And JESUS said to him, "**Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My FATHER who is in heaven.**"

Ephesians 1:17-18 the **GOD of our LORD JESUS CHRIST**, the **FATHER** of glory, **may give you** a spirit of wisdom and of **revelation** in the knowledge of **HIM**.

Genesis 28:18-22 Then **Jacob** rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. **19**And he called the name of that place Bethel. **20**Then Jacob made a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, **21**so that I come back to my father's house in peace, **then the LORD shall be my God.**

- He was Chosen before the foundation of the earth. Ephesians 1:4

Isaiah 43:1 But now, thus says the LORD , who created you, O **Jacob**, and HE who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for **I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine.** put your name in

Genesis 28:15 I AM with you and will keep you wherever you go **I will not leave you** until I have done what I have **promised you**

- Matthew 28:20 **I am with you always,** to the end of the age
- Philippians 1:6 He who began a good work in you **will perfect it**

I will keep you wherever you go

- John 10:27-28 **My sheep HEAR My voice,** and I know them, and they follow Me; **28** and I give eternal life to them, and **they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.**

I have promised you

- Acts 2:39 For the **promise is for you and your children** and for all who are far off, **as many as** the Lord our God **will call** to Himself.
- 2 Peter 3:13 But **according to His promise** we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

Genesis 28:16 Then Jacob awoke and said, Surely **the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.**

- How many times has this happened to me?? To You??
- It is Very Easy to be totally oblivious to the presence of The LORD with us and IN US.
- On Many days, hours can go by with my mind only focused on what I need to accomplish and then later realize the opportunities I missed to **DECLARE WITH MY LIFE THAT I AM A SON of GOD with POWER.**

- Romans 13:11 **knowing the time**, that it is already the hour for **you to awaken from sleep**; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:6 so then **let us not sleep** as others do, but let us **be alert** and sober.
- Mark 13:35-37 **Therefore, be on the alert — for you do not know when the MASTER of the HOUSE** (get it?) **is coming**, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning **36** in case he should come suddenly **and find you asleep. 37** What I say to you I say to all, **Be on the alert!**

Genesis 28:17 He was afraid and said, "**How awesome is this place!**"

In this analogy **he is speaking of YOU -> YOU are THE AWESOME PLACE** where The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY DWELLS, where there is an OPEN HEAVEN and Angels ascending and descending . . .

YOU ARE . . .

THE HOUSE OF GOD !

BELIEVE IT. LIVE THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER

Use your **imagination** to see the HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD The FATHER and JESUS CHRIST **living, dwelling, within YOU, THROUGHOUT THE DAY.**

Forget self. Take up your cross, you are dead

For you have died and your life is hidden **with Christ IN GOD.**

Colossians 3:3 Romans 6:3-5

Visualize it !

The SPIRIT of HIM who **RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD DWELLS IN YOU** Romans 8:11

Therefore . . . RESURRECTION LIFE will flow from You

Motivated by Love to do what HE told His disciples to do:

Proclaim The Kingdom of GOD by Healing the sick, raising the dead, cleansing the lepers, casting out demons. Freely you received, freely give. Comfort those who mourn, share with the poor, provide for the orphans and widows . . .

whatever the need is:

*DECLARE that You are a SON or DAUGHTER
with POWER AND*

*Expect to see Miracles every day !
BELIEVE IT! Live the life of a BELIEVER*

Declare it & Visualize it !

The HOLY SPIRIT of JESUS CHRIST and THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY IS WITHIN ME ! Therefore

▶ The Power to live a HOLY LIFE is within me

- ▶ The **Power** to live a life of Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control is within me.
- ▶ The **Gifts** of The HOLY SPIRIT are within me.
- ▶ The SPIRIT of The LORD has **anointed me** to proclaim the Good News, to set the captives free, give sight to the blind, heal the broken hearted, heal the sick and even to raise the dead should it be His will.
- ▶ **I CAN DO ALL THINGS** through **HIM who strengthens me.** Phil. 4:13
- ▶ **I CAN LIVE VICTORIOUSLY** over all sin – all addictions – all desires of the flesh . . . **I WILL SEE MIRACLES AND HEALINGS**
- ▶ **GOD is for me, so who can stand against me?** Romans 8:31
- ▶ **Greater is HE who is in me** than he who is in the world 1 John 4:4
- ▶ **No weapon that is formed against me will prosper** Isaiah 54:17
- ▶ **In all these things I will overwhelmingly conquer through HIM who loves me.** Romans 8:37
- ▶ **I will be strong in the LORD and in the strength of His might.**
Ephesians 6:10

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory

through our LORD

JESUS CHRIST.

1 Corinthians 15:57

Who Are You? Acts 19:15

By Franklin

Colossians 3:3 For (1) **you have died** and (2) **your life is hidden with CHRIST** (3) **in GOD**.

Rock of Ages, **cleft for me**, I myself **hidden** in Thee
 The water and the blood, from Thy wounded side a flood
 For sin the cure; saved from wrath and made pure.
 Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling. (My version)

Exodus 33:21-22 Then the LORD said, Behold, there is a place **with Me**, and you shall **stand** there **on The Rock**; ²²and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the **cleft of the rock** and cover you with My hand until I have passed by.

1 **you have died**

Galatians 2:20 I have been **crucified** with CHRIST; and it is no longer I who live, but **CHRIST lives in me**

Luke 9:23-24 **If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross** daily and follow Me.

2 **your life is hidden with CHRIST**

Ps 17:8 **Hide me** in the shadow of Your wings

Ps 27:5 For in the day of trouble He will **conceal me** in His tabernacle; In the secret place of His tent **He will hide me**; He will lift me up on a **ROCK**.

Ps 64:2 **Hide me** from the secret counsel of evildoers, from the tumult of those who do iniquity

3 **in GOD**

Galatians 3:27 For all of you who were baptized (literal: placed into) **into** Christ have **clothed yourself with Christ.**

1 John 4:15 **Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in GOD.**

1 John 4:16 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love **abides in God, and God abides in him.**

The Name of GOD is made up of four Hebrew letters: the yud, the heh, the vav, and the heh: **YHVH**, which means: 'I AM'

It is The Most Sacred of all names, so sacred some refuse to say it. But we say it all the time.

When we speak of our self we say the Name. We say: "I am happy" "I am sad" "I am tired" "I am strong." When you tell others who you are you say, "I am followed by your name."

WHEN YOU SPEAK OF YOURSELF YOU MUST SAY HIS NAME !!!

Why is that? Because your very existence comes from HIS existence. HE is The I AM of all existence . . . the I AM of all I AM's.

Your 'I am' only exists because of 'HIS I AM'. And as you exist from HIM, so it is only from HIM that you can find the reason and purpose of your existence.

Therefore, when you say your name, you must always speak HIS NAME. And you must always speak HIS NAME first.

Because, HIS existence is first and your existence flows forth from HIS.

Therefore, you must put HIM first and then let everything flow from that.

Let everything begin with HIM and flow forth from HIM.

This is the recipe to 'the Spirit filled life.' Not only to live '*for*' HIM, but to live your life '*from*' HIM.

To live from HIS living - to Love from HIS Loving - to act from HIS actions - to feel from HIS Heart – to walk as HE walked - to speak as HE speaks - to be from HIS being, and to become who you are from who HE IS . . . '**I AM**'

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Galatians 2:20

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Colossians 3:3

We were **buried with HIM** being **placed into HIS death IN ORDER THAT**, as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **WE TOO MAY LIVE IN NEWNESS of LIFE.** Romans 6:4

Luke 17:21 **they will not say, 'Look, here' or, 'There' For behold, The Kingdom of God is within you.**

Therefore . . .

When You Walk Into the Room Everything changes

Darkness start to trembles At the Light that You Bring

When You Walk Into the Room Sickness starts to vanish

When You Walk Into the Room The dead begin to rise

There's resurrection power in all that You Do