

Kingdom of God

Chapter 4

Earlier we were discussing that whether or not you believe in God makes no difference in the reality of God and the Kingdom of God. The difference in believing or not believing is how it affects you. Believing brings you into the reality of God and the Kingdom of God. It is like taking the Matrix movie pill bringing Neo in to the reality of them and not the reverse, which is bringing them into your reality. Everything revolves around God and not us.

Believing and not doubting brings you into God's reality and into the reality of the Kingdom of God.

We also discussed that we are in God's image and therefore, we are a trinity with a heart, mind and a body; so is God a trinity with the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

As you read these scriptures about the heart, do you see the one that says that our thoughts originate from our heart? Our attitudes come from our heart. And our sincere decisions come from our heart. They do not come from our mind. Look the bible through and see if God ever says that our thoughts come from our mind. Nope. He says:

RO 10:5 "Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: "The man who does these things will live by them." [6] But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, `Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) [7] "or `Who will descend into the deep?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). [8] But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: [9] That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," **and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.** [10] **For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified,** and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. [11] As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame." [12] For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, [13] for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.""

He does not say believe with you mind, but to believe with your heart. For it is from your heart that you make the decisions that God honors. It is also in your heart that your spirit lives, and so does the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives with your spirit. They connect in the spiritual and all spiritual happens originate in the heart. This connection between your spirit and God's spirit is how God talks with you, guides you, leads you, and gives you inspiration and motivation. The mind is a computer—a data bank and a control center for the body. But like a computer, some one has to drive it, hence your heart; it drives your computer mind. The mind can do math, it can remember tons of things, and it is used to control your body. But the mind does not have an original thought in its head. The mind can be deceived and confused easily.

The enemy can put thoughts in your mind, but not your heart; not as long as the Holy Spirit lives there, He will not allow it.

Your heart is where you get understanding, wisdom and the small still voice of God. Your mind has data, control and is stupid (remember is it easily deceived).

MT 13:14 “In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:
You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.”

MT 13:15 “For this people's **heart** has become **calloused**;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.”

The evil people who still have their old worldly evil spirit in them, cannot have the Holy Spirit live in their hearts and so He cannot help them understand the spiritual things of God. John 14, 15, and 16.

So we need to see what it takes to be holy and pure so that we can always have the Holy Spirit live in us and so we will always understand the things of God and know the will of God. At this point it seems important that we start using the Holy Spirit to teach us all things.

So please let's talk to God through pray. Please pray with me:

“Father, please use this writing to help us understand Your ways and the ways of the Kingdom of God. Please bless us and teach us how to allow the Holy Spirit to always lead us into all truth and love; that He would pour Your wisdom and knowledge into us. From now on, Father never forget us and always teach, guide and remind us of all things through the Holy Spirit. Amen”

4.1 First Command of Jesus

Everything up to this point is just setting the foundation for living with God and living in the Kingdom of God. The reason we keep saying the Kingdom of God is because it is the first command from Jesus as to how to live and where He expects us to live.

MT 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money (Today that would be any worldly enslavement—more later).

MT 6:25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? [26] Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? [27] Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

MT 6:28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. [29] Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. [30] If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, **O you of little faith?** [31] So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' [32] For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. [33] **But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.** [34] Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

I like the way the Berkeley version says it. "But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be yours."

This, in a nutshell, is the Christian life: Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

So what is it to seek first the Kingdom of God? And what is the Kingdom of God? The Kingdom of God is the world in which God lives. It is the domain where He is King. It is the realm of God and everything in it. All kingdoms have a certain way of functioning. Everyone who lives there under the King must know His way of doing things. It is for everything and everyone under His rule.

So to seek first the Kingdom of God, is to seek God and His way of doing things. As a newborn child of God, you know nothing of the Kingdom of God. As a baby, you are not capable of taking care of yourself. You can do nothing. You are a baby. Baby's only cry when wet, they cry when they are hungry, they cry until they sleep. They know nothing. So even though you are an adult in the human world, you are a baby in the Kingdom of God. You need to learn how to live in the Kingdom of God; just like you did after you came out of your mother's tummy and you started to know the kingdom of the world—run by the devil.

The first thing to learn is that everything you were taught from the world needs to be re-evaluated. Why? Because before you entered the Kingdom of God, you were raised in the kingdom of satan. He (satan) taught you how to live, lie, cheat, steal, and adulterate everything. He taught you to covet, and that dogs eat dogs. He taught you that money is everything; you can only depend on yourself and no one else. That you have to work hard and hoard everything, help no one—do not get involved, because they will only take everything from you in appreciation and that no one will help you, and that there is not such thing as God.

Maybe not all of this fits you, but that is still what satan teaches. Even if the things he teaches you are not **obviously** evil things, it still was taught by him, and so it is evil.

Please note: God's definition of evil is, "not godly". It is not from God. When you go to school, were all of your teachers Christians? If not, then you were taught by an evil person. Maybe not by a demon or satan, but they were not Godly people and so they were evil. Just because a person does good does not mean that they are godly. Evil people can do good. And Godly people can do bad. But the difference is that evil people are still evil because they are not born again, and they still have the evil sinful spirit in them; whereas, a Christian that might do bad, but has a new Godly Spirit from God making them Godly.

So it is a matter of what spirit that is in them that makes them Godly or evil and not necessarily what they do. For remember Godly people are not perfect, they are forgiven; whereas, evil people might seem perfect, but they are not forgiven. We will get more into this later.

Just remember that evil means "Not From God".

The reason we are making such a big point on this is because satan can use this against you. He can attack you because the person who taught you was evil and that evil can stay attached to you. It is like satan attached a booby-trap on you by this evil person. Then when he sees you getting close to God, he sets it off and destroys your connection with God. It is best to have God remove it, purify it, and return it to you.

For God to live in you, you need to be forgiven, holy and pure. To do this you need to relearn everything from God's point of view and by God's Holy Spirit; this will then detach satan from you.

Then after you have done this, the next part is to find out how God does things and applying them to your Christian life.

The next step is to seek His righteousness. I have sought and sought from God what is righteousness. Many people defined it as "Being right with God", and that is true. But how are you right with God.

Over this last year, He has been showing me that you are righteous when you are honor God by being willingly obedient.

The key is here.

JN 15:1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the gardener. [2] He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. [3] You are already clean because of the Word I have spoken to you. [4] Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me.

JN 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. [6] If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. [7] If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. [8] This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples.

JN 15:9 "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. [10] **If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love.** [11] I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. [12] My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. [14] You are My friends if you do what I command. [15] I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. [16] You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. [17] This is My command: Love each other."

So Jesus says that," if you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love."

ISA 1:11 "The multitude of your sacrifices--
what are they to me?" says the LORD.

"I have more than enough of burnt offerings,
of rams and the fat of fattened animals;
I have no pleasure
in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.

ISA 1:12 When you come to appear before me,
who has asked this of you,
this trampling of my courts?

ISA 1:13 Stop bringing meaningless offerings!
Your incense is detestable to me.
New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations--
I cannot bear your evil assemblies.

ISA 1:14 Your New Moon festivals and your appointed feasts
my soul hates.
They have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.

ISA 1:15 When you spread out your hands in prayer,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even if you offer many prayers,
I will not listen.
Your hands are full of blood;

ISA 1:16 wash and make yourselves clean.
Take your evil deeds out of my sight!
Stop doing wrong,

ISA 1:17 learn to do right!
Seek justice, encourage the oppressed.
Defend the cause of the fatherless,
plead the case of the widow.

ISA 1:18 "Come now, let us reason together,"
says the LORD.
"Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.

**ISA 1:19 If you are willing and obedient,
you will eat the best from the land;**

ISA 1:20 but if you resist and rebel,
you will be devoured by the sword."
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

This is being righteous: Willingly being obedient to Jesus commands. Then because you are righteous, Jesus and our Father will love you.

For example, Jesus gave this parable.

MT 21:27 "So they answered Jesus, "We don't know."
Then he said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

MT 21:28 "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'"

MT 21:29 " 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went."

MT 21:30 "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go."

MT 21:31 "Which of the two did what his father wanted?"
"The first," they answered."

Here in this parable, Jesus shows us two sons, one said that he would not do anything, but did, and another who said that he would do it, but did not. The first one was telling the father the truth, in that he did not want to do it, but after reflection and with a willing heart to obey his father, he did it. Then we have the other one who said he would do it but did not. The second one only gave his father lip service for in his heart he really had no intention of obeying his father. He intended to lie to his father from the first.

So Jesus says that the first son was the true honest one who was willing to obey his father. He was considered righteous.

Lets summarize a little here on His commands that makes you righteous.

So God's first command is to be born again. This I believe is done.

His second command is to be pure and holy.

1PE 1:13 "Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. [14] As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. [15] **But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; [16] for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."**"

JAS 4:7 "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Come near to God and He will come near to you. **Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.** [9] Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. [10] Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."

Finally, the main and last command is:

JN 13:34 "**A new command I give you: Love one another.** As I have loved you, so you must love one another. [35] By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

JN 15:9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. [10] **If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love.** [11] I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. [12] **My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.** [13] Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. [14] You are My friends if you do what I command. [15] I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for

everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. [16] You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. [17] This is My command: Love each other.”

1CO 7:17 “Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches. [18] Was a man already circumcised when he was called? He should not become uncircumcised. Was a man uncircumcised when he was called? He should not be circumcised. [19] Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. **Keeping God's commands is what counts.** [20] Each one should remain in the situation which he was in when God called him. [21] Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you--although if you can gain your freedom, do so. [22] For he who was a slave when he was called by the Lord is the Lord's freedman; similarly, he who was a free man when he was called is Christ's slave. [23] You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. [24] Brothers, each man, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation God called him to.”

1JN 3:21 “Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God [22] and receive from Him anything we ask, **because we obey His commands and do what pleases Him.** [23] And this is His command: to believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as He commanded us. [24] Those who obey His commands live in Him, and He in them. And this is how we know that He lives in us: We know it by the Spirit He gave us.”

1JN 4:1 “Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. [2] This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, [3] but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.”

1JN 4:4 “You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, **because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.** [5] They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. [6] We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.”

1JN 4:7 “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. [8] Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. [9] This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his One and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. [10] This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and

sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. [11] Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. [12] No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us. “

4.2 Fruit of the Spirit

So the way that we show our willful obedience and, therefore being righteous, is by bearing good fruit. But what is this fruit. Bearing much fruit is the actions of the Holy Spirit coming out of you. Here this should help.

GAL 5:22 “**But the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. [24] Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. [25] Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. [26] Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.”

When you crucify your sinful nature, you are also being humble. You are allowing yourself to become humble before God. To be humble is to allow the Holy Spirit to give you the function of Humility. Humility is a feeling and so it is a spirit. You must ask for it and so it is part of the Holy Spirit. It is done by making the decision that you want to be obedient and so you want to be humble. You need to decide that you want the Spirit of Humility. When you do you will see a major change.

But what we are talking about is to go through your life and evaluate it and give it all to the Lord. Then ask the Lord to purify it all and return to you what you need to live by. Then you need to start doing things the way that God intended it to be: to live by the Spirit.

So this is what you need to do until you are holy, pure and righteous. Then you will naturally act as a Christian: not from your mind because you have to, but by your heart because you want to. God lives in your heart, not your mind. God talks to you from His Spirit to your spirit in your heart.

Now the next question is how? Well that is what you will be spending the rest of your life studying and praying about. So keep reading the rest of these volumes, and keep studying the bible, and you will get all of your answers. If not then email me, the address is on the bottom of the first web page.

