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“Sons and Joint Heirs”

To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion (experience) by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: Act 1:3

Jesus spent 3 years teaching things “Pertaining to the Kingdom” to his followers. He spoke of those things, but he actually spoke them while the Old Covenant was still in effect. The power of the Spirit to quicken those words was not active because He had not yet died and risen from the dead. As we read in Acts 1:3 that Jesus spoke of things pertaining to the kingdom, we see that for the very first time, he was speaking words that fell under the actual New Covenant. Everything had changed with the power of his resurrection! Jesus spent forty days teaching His followers about the New Kingdom that had just come into being. He carefully laid out the operating principles of the New Kingdom. This was an important time of instruction because after He ascended, His followers would carry out the rule and work of the kingdom.

We can go to all four gospels and read of the instructions that He gave. First of all, He expounded the scriptures in such a way that their eyes were opened. For the very first time, His followers had a revelation of the word that He had been speaking to them for the past years. The New Kingdom does not operate by observation. It is not something that we can see and perceive with our physical eyes and ears. The New Kingdom is within us and is accessed by the revelation of the Word that the Holy Spirit brings.

The next thing Jesus did was tell his disciples to go and preach “repentance and remission” of sins. Repentance is not a new thing! Repentance comes when one feels guilty for committing infractions against the law. During the period that the law was in operation, it was impossible to receive any remission or freedom from the guilt that came with sin. Man had to look to himself to bring about a change in his own actions that would release him from guilt and it was impossible because man did not have it in himself to change. But, something new happened! Jesus said “Look to me, and I will release you from the guilt and condemnation that you have been unable to get away from.”

The gospel of the New Kingdom is not about man repenting from his sins so that God can love him. It is about man being freed from the guilt of his sin so that he sees just how much God does love him. The gospel of the New Kingdom is about man assuming his role as a son and an heir of God. Under the Old Covenant, man could never see himself as a son worthy of being an heir of God. Jesus took everything out of the way that has kept man from seeing himself as a beloved son that God is well pleased in. Jesus has equipped us with everything that we need that pertains to living a victorious life here on earth but it comes with the knowledge that we have been called to glory and virtue!

“Sons and Joint Heirs” continued.....

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: **2 Peter 1:3**

Jesus came to his glory when he heard the Father say this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.

For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **2 Peter 1:7**

Jesus brought many sons (you and I) to glory.

For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren. **Hebrews 2:10-11**

As a son that has been called to glory and virtue, we have also obtained everything that pertains to godliness as stated in 1 Peter 1:3. Jesus was anointed with the spirit and had everything that he needed that pertained to godliness.

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD:

Isaiah 11:2-3

1 John 4:17 says that as Jesus is, so are we in this world. We have been anointed with the Holy Spirit and have access to the same wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and the fear (**awe of God, or in other words a revelation of the love that God has for us**) of the Lord. We have His faith and His ability working in us.

The new kingdom is not something that we have to struggle to try to enter. We enter it by revelation. It is already at work in us and is working from “the inside out.”

Insights from Mickey

As the seasons of the year, each with their beauty and splendor, so is God's love toward us. As we face different circumstances in our lives, God's love is there (in our lives) to help us through them and he confirms to our hearts his love for us. Amidst our circumstances we have thoughts and feelings that we are alone, that we are having to do for ourselves, that we need to find a way out of our circumstance because our focus is towards the circumstance and not toward His Word which tells us that..

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. **Psalms 23:4***

*One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. **Psalms 27:4***

*For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. **Psalms 27:5***

He is in us, working in us and proving himself and His Word to us. As we look at this month's teaching we receive insight and understanding that it is God which works in us to will and to do of His good pleasure.

God Bless You!

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