**You must be Born Again**

The things that pertain to the kingdom cannot be discerned apart from the Spirit. **Romans 8:6, John 6:63, 2 Corinthians 2:14**

The things that pertain to the flesh and the things that pertain to the Spirit are opposite things. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. They do not function the same way. **1 Corinthians 15:39-34**

***1 Corinthians 15:50*** *But I tell you this, brethren, flesh and blood cannot [become partakers of eternal salvation and] inherit or share in the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable (that which is decaying) inherit or share in the imperishable (the immortal).*

The natural man was not created with the capacity to understand spiritual things. Spiritual things must be spiritually conceived.

***John 3:3*** *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

***4*** *Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?*

***5*** *Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

***6*** *That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

Unless you are born again (conceived in a new way) you cannot see the kingdom. You cannot see spiritual things with flesh eyes. The things of the kingdom do not come by observation. They come by revelation. Unless you are born of water and the Spirit, you cannot enter into the things of the kingdom.

You have to be born of water and the Spirit. I believe that the water is referring to the Word of God.

***Ephesians 5:26*** *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word.*

The letter of the Word alone will kill you. The Word alone is not enough. Unless the Word you know has been interpreted and revealed to you by the Spirit, you cannot understand the things of the Kingdom.

***2 Corinthians 3:6*** *Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*

When the Spirit is the source of your understanding, the veil that keeps you from seeing the true things of the kingdom will be lifted.

***2 Corinthians 3:16*** *Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.*

***17*** *Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*

***18*** *But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

You must be born again. You must be *Spiritually* conceived in order to see the things that God has both prepared for you and given to you.

***2 Corinthians 2:9*** *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*

***10*** *But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*

***11*** *For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*

***12*** *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*

Where is the kingdom of God? What is the kingdom of God? When do we enter into that kingdom?

***Luke 17:20*** *And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:*

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

The kingdom is the spiritual realm within you where righteousness, peace and joy abide.

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

The kingdom is within you! It is a spiritual kingdom that can only be spiritually discerned. If you want to see the kingdom, if you want to enter into the kingdom you must be born of water and of the Spirit.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **John 3:5-6**

***1 Peter 1:23*** *Being born again, not of corruptible see, but of incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth for ever.*

***24*** *For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:*

***25*** *But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.*