

## The Kingdom is Part 4

Rom 14:17

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. 18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

1. **Righteousness is choice**

1 John 2:29

29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

1 John 3:7

7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

The devil is trying to enforce his culture on us, and we are refusing that! We will not allow him to squeeze us into the mold of the world —we will only allow ourselves to be molded by the kingdom of heaven.

2. **Peace -- It is a choice**

3. **Joy**

Rejoice- to brighten up, be cheerful.

James 1:22-24

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

James 1:2

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations

James 1:2 (CEV)

My friends, be glad, even if you have a lot of trouble.

James 1:2 (Wuest)

Consider it a matter for unadulterated joy [without any admixture of sorrow] whenever you fall into the midst of variegated trials which surround you,

## Sorrow of the world...is unbelief.

2 Corinthians 7:10

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

2 Corinthians 4:13

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

You must believe it enough to speak it...

2 Corinthians 4:7-8

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. 8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed (confused), but not in despair (hopeless).

Mark 4:23-24

23 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. 24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

Hebrews 12:2

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Matthew 5:10-12

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Matthew 5:9-12 (NLT)

9 God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. 10 God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. 11 "God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. 12 Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

Luke 6:22-23

Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company (unfriendly you/off list, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of

man's sake. 23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

Acts 5:40

**The first response of the soul is to question and defend...**

Acts 5:40-42

40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. 42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

1 Sam 1

15-16 woman of sorrow & grief

1 Samuel 1:18

18 And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.

John 16:32

32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me...

John 16:33

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Acts 23:11

11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

Acts 27:10

10 And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

Ps 91 vs Rom 8:14

Acts 27:13

13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence, they sailed close by Crete.

Acts 27:20-22

20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away. 21 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. 22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.

Acts 27:31

31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved.

The hidden treasure that we have on the inside is the secret called faith that will get us through every trial. The secret is how to release this faith, which is joy!

Bad reports are going to come... what do we do? How do we respond?

Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Psalms 2:4

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh:  
the Lord shall have them in derision.

Job 5:22-27 (CEV)

You will laugh at the threat  
of destruction and famine.

And you won't be afraid  
of wild animals—

23 they will no longer be fierce,  
and your rocky fields  
will become friendly.

24 Your home will be secure,  
and your sheep will be safe.

25 You will have more descendants  
than there are blades of grass  
on the face of the earth.

26 You will live a long life,  
and your body will be strong

until the day you die.  
27 Our experience has proven  
these things to be true,  
so listen and learn.