

Seeking First The Kingdom

Matthew 6:33 But seek first God's Kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well.

This teaching of Christ Jesus stated above is a foundation stone for every Christian's religion on earth today, but was it a foundational stone for the newly anointed son's of God after Christ Jesus was resurrection?

In other words, the new birth "into Christ" where the first century congregation got their divine name from "Christian" did they continue to teach the world of their time, to seek first the kingdom, and if not, why not?

Religion has for the most part since Christ taught on earth taught their own followers blanket statements. Furthermore, if they do focus in on a scripture they isolate a verse or two and build an entire doctrine of faith out of it.

Eccl.7:29 Behold, this only have I found: that God made man upright; but they search for many schemes.

Context is very important because for an example, Christ fulfilled all the prophets, kings, judges, and much more (the law) by his death and resurrection. He became the way and the truth, plus God made his Son the everlasting prophet for mankind.

Luke 24:44 He said to them, "This is what I told you, while I was still with you, that all things which are written in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms, concerning me must be fulfilled."

Rom.10:4 For Christ is the fulfillment{or, completion, or end} of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Heb.1:1 God, having in the past spoken to the fathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 1:2 has at the end of these days spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds.

So after that happen we must understand we have two very distinct time tables in our bibles, that is, before Christ, and after Christ death and resurrection of Christ.

John.1:16 From his fullness we all received grace upon grace.

1:17 For the law was given through Moses. Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

For us to make blanket statement is the equivalent of saying there are two countries and then make a blanket statement that the laws of both countries applies the same equally to both of them. Our reasoning may will be that both countries have very similar laws, but of course, we know that one country has no power over another to enforce their laws legally and morally such actions would be deemed illegal by every court in that country no educated legal person would acted in such a foolish way!

And this is why context is important and not using blanket statements taken out of the context, what is the context Christ was speaking in before he made the king of kings about seeking first the kingdom?

Seeking the kingdom

Christ could accurately state that those under the law, and before the law was seeking God's kingdom, and they should have been, but why? Accurately, the earthly kingdom of Israel was a picture of the kingdom of God to come, but it was not the reality of God's kingdom. (those with real faith knew that even though they were a part of the physical Israel)

Hebrews 10:1 For the law, having a shadow of the good to come, not the very image of the things, can never with the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect those who draw near.

Christ stated a truth which is God's kingdom was in their midst while he was on earth with them. Yes, it was, why? Because Christ was in their midst, the future king of God's kingdom was an accurate statement of truth and not a blanket statement used by Christ Jesus to cover two laws.

Luke.17:21 nor shall they say, Lo here, or, Lo there; for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you. (Darby Translation)

Christ is what all Israel had been seeking wittingly or unwittingly. God had sent his son to Israel and to no other nation on earth, God sent him to the earthly picture (Israel a shadow) of the future kingdom of Christ Jesus (the reality of their faith).

Everyone in Israel were to become sons of a heavenly kingdom, not an earthly kingdom, but heavenly one and that kingdom was found in Christ Jesus. These two kingdoms were separated by the flesh and Spirit, now let's explain that.

Flesh and blood cannot, cannot, inherit the kingdom of God in Christ Jesus, one is an earthly kingdom with laws for the flesh, and the other is a heavenly kingdom with law for the spirit. That means two separate laws distinct from one another for two separate countries, by two separate covenants with God.

2 Corinthians 10:4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the throwing down of strongholds. (Israel was flesh and it fought its enemies by flesh and blood)

Romans 9:8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as a seed.

Romans 8:9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if it is so that the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if any man doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, he is not his.

Hence, our making blanket statements from the old covenant too Christ are untruth to the new covenant of Christ for a heavenly kingdom. This is what our bible speak about more than any other subject. Which is, adulterating the truth of Christ by applying laws of the Old Covenant to the new Spirit Covenant of Christ kingdom. (that is why the old must be completed before the new could become a living reality in the hearts of Christian's.)

Romans 7:4 Therefore, my brothers, you also were made dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you would be joined to another, to him who was raised from the dead, that we might bring forth fruit to God.

Galatians 2:21 I don't make void the grace of God. For if righteousness is through the law, then Christ died for nothing!"

Galatians 3:2 I just want to learn this from you. Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by hearing of faith?

When blanketing, that is, connecting the two as one it causes confusion that out bibles call yeast, why yeast? Because the flesh has been corrupted by sin, so it can only spread more corruption. In other words, sin is not taken out of our flesh by any teaching. The

flesh dies in its corruption because there is no way to remove it from our flesh.

Thus, laws for the flesh, cannot remove sin from us, that is, sins corruption ending in death. Laws can and do cause people to act within the confinements of the law, which we call a better person, but they do not remove sin that ends in death from us.

Yeast is sin and yeast does not decrease by laws that is a lie that people fool themselves with. If yeast is not complete removed it will going into all the bread of Christ corrupting it into the same.

1 Corinthians 15:50 Now I say this, brothers,{The word for "brothers" here and where context allows may also be correctly translated "brothers and sisters" or "siblings."} that flesh and blood can't inherit the Kingdom of God; neither does corruption inherit incorruption.

Moreover, this is why Christ stated that those on earth representing his kingdom would become a yeast kingdom over time. They would corrupt themselves with laws of the flesh creating a counterfeit kingdom. He liken them to weeds and not wheat who are the real son of God's kingdom having no yeast in them.

Matthew 13:33 He spoke another parable to them. "The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast, which a woman took, and hid in three measures{literally, three sata. 3 sata is about 39 litres or a bit more than a bushel} of meal, until it was all leavened."

Why No More Seeking First The Kingdom?

Seeking and being are two different things. In other words, those "in Christ" are in the kingdom God, but if they start seeking they will go out into the desert looking for another prophet? Christ said yes they would, so he warned those with ears to hear what the Spirit says to the congregation God which is to stay in him as their kingdom.

John.15:4 Remain in me, and I in you. As the branch can't bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you, unless you remain in me.

Matthew 24:26 If therefore they tell you, 'Behold, he is in the wilderness,' don't go out; 'Behold, he is in the inner chambers,' don't believe it.

If one were in Christ would they need to seek a kingdom on earth, like a religion? Do we understand that it is the flesh that seeks, not the Spirit, the Spirit rest in Christ by faith in God?

Isaiah 28:12 to whom he said, "This is the resting place. Give rest to weary;" and "This is the refreshing;" yet they would not hear.

Hebrews 4:1 Let us fear therefore, lest perhaps anyone of you should seem to have come short of a promise of entering into his rest.

Hebrews 4:3 For we who have believed do enter into that rest, even as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, they will not enter into my rest;"{Psalm 95:11} although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

So Christ the truth spoke accurately to those Jews whom hadn't yet received a kingdom that cannot be shaken (two kingdom one of flesh and blood the other of Spirit by God in Christ Jesus). But once Christ was seated at his Father right hand and exulted above every other name in heaven and on earth he gave us his Spirit kingdom.

We will not find one of his apostles teaching to seek first the kingdom. No where after they were anointed by the Holy Spirit; being born new into the life of Christ their kingdom.

Heb.12:28 Therefore, receiving a Kingdom that can't be shaken, let us have grace, through which we serve God acceptably, with reverence and awe.

They would not succumb to false teachings that took away the power of Christ living in them, going back to the corruption of sin putting their faith to a counterfeit kingdom. No! That would come later as they and those faithful anointed brothers and sisters died off the earth, then, just as Christ had said while with them that yeast would corrupt God's kingdom on earth, that is, those representing it for others. Which would take over this earth like weeds creating false religion.

1 Corinthians 2:5 that your faith wouldn't stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.

There should be no wonder for God's children why the foundation of so called truth of all of Christendom, which is, part of the pie of Babylon the Great has made seeking the kingdom the corner stone of their faith for its members.

Yes, that membership of Babylon the Great is flesh, and blood, born into sin that tricks the minds and hearts of people into believing that laws for sin, that is, law for our flesh can remove sin out of its members giving them enough righteousness by their own efforts to find and receive the kingdom of God sometime in the future if they seek their whole life.

Romans 8:7 because the mind of the flesh is hostile towards God; for it is not subject to God's law, neither indeed can it be.

1 Peter 3:21 This is a symbol of baptism, which now saves you--not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The numbers don't lie 70% of the Christian faith believes a person will get to heaven, and/or paradise on earth by their good works. Many have faith in the law, or in a religion, but that is not the faith of Christ Jesus gives us freely as his body members.

The seeking is in our flesh, and that happens when we are lost within our own flesh (human reasoning), and its doubts and fears that does not mean we are nobly seeking first the kingdom of God. We are lost because of our sins that cannot believe in the resurrect Christ Jesus unmerited life given too us freely by God.

James. 1:6 But let him ask in faith, without any doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven by the wind and tossed.

1:7 For let that man not think that he will receive anything from the Lord.

The flesh will not stop working it can't and that is why we are told in our bibles that it wages war against the Spirit. (the Spirit eternal peace the flesh a raging sea that does not settle down) Those in Christ must rest in faith in Christ their life, which accurately means everything in this life will be supplied too us to over come this world and be with him in full reality (Spirit).

Galatians 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, that you may not do the things that you desire.

The seeking the kingdom ended two thousand years ago, those seeking the kingdom now miss the entire message of their bible in

Christ life. They seek for material gains to benefit the flesh and not the Spirit of Christ in them. They confuse themselves in fleshly darkness blaming God when he does not bless them with material blessings.

James.4:1 Where do wars and fightings among you come from? Don't they come from your pleasures that war in your members?

4:2 You lust, and don't have. You kill, covet, and can't obtain. You fight and make war. You don't have, because you don't ask.

4:3 You ask, and don't receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it for your pleasures.

4:4 You adulterers and adulteresses, don't you know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Now let's qualify that statement; material means the things that bless the flesh on this earth in gaining merit by jobs, assignments, position, and power in name recognition. Anything that makes a person appear better in their flesh to others or to themselves are material blessing, not Spirit blessing!

Galatians 1:10 For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? For if I were still pleasing men, I wouldn't be a servant of Christ.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 6:63 It is the spirit who gives life. The flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and are life.

It is for that reason that so many Christians cannot even understand how the Spirit works in them, because their minds are set upon gaining favor of merit with God by the blessing given them for seeking first the kingdom in their flesh to please themselves and others of the flesh.

In others word, God and his kingdom is in darkness to them and a mystery to them and the only way they can comfort themselves is by fleshly works that prove God is blessing them now in their flesh. If they cannot show it and prove it to others than it is of now value at all; the exact opposite of what Christ did and said while on earth.

God is not trying to impress the flesh

The flesh is dead to God or we would not have the life of Christ in us! If God accounts our flesh as alive than we are dead to God. That is why after Christ resurrection we hear no more about the apostles former life, or how they did impressive works in their flesh, by building and setting up colleges, hospitals and religions or what they did in government.

John 4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work.

John 6:27 Don't work for the food which perishes, but for the food which remains to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For God the Father has sealed him."

John 6:28 They said therefore to him, "What must we do, that we may work the works of God?" 6:29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

We want God to bless us in our flesh, but few of us understand how he only bless us with the treasure of heaven hidden in Christ (which is the fine pearl of great value). That treasure is the last truth that God will never leave us, so we can be free of the love of money. How we will never have to compromise our faith by going along with any group on earth.

How we are not measure by God by our fleshly or by it works, that is, in the things we gain. Nor do we bow to public opinion which is, in truth, based solely from the flesh and its appearance.

Romans 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, for its lusts.

It is the life of Christ in us that makes us no part of this world, and that our membership exist only in heaven with Christ. Is that an easy course for the flesh? No! It is impossible course for the flesh that will not, and cannot understand any of this accept intellectually because of its fear of losing this life in all manner of humiliation, in not having friends of this world and, in being rejected by this world top down.

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You can't serve both God and Mammon.

Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to me, and doesn't hate his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he can't be my disciple.

The kingdom in us is Christ life, and Christ was no part of this world and he was hated by it. Only the flesh can so easily fool itself into thinking Christ was really a nice guy that we would have of loved.

John 7:7 The world can't hate you, but it hates me, because I testify about it, that its works are evil.

Christ was a fire to the flesh, he set a fire by the Spirit of God in him that burns two thousand years later just as painfully and hard today for our flesh. But his Spirit load (yoke) is very light and refreshing still few find it because they search the flesh by the scriptures and come up with more works for the flesh to gain salvation by rules.

Luke 12:49 "I came to throw fire on the earth. I wish it were already kindled.

The working of Christ in us are not of the flesh, it is by the will of God that birthed us into Christ the new creation. If one is working by the will of their flesh they will look foolish to the power of Christ life in them. And if they are working in the flesh thinking that it is of God the Christ will look foolish to them and they will never know the truth of God.

1 Corinthians 3:13 each man's work will be revealed. For the Day will declare it, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire itself will test what sort of work each man's work is. 3:15 If any man's work is burned, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, but as through fire.

Subsequently, seeking is not being in Christ, seeking is of the flesh it in resting in Christ our life that spiritual paradise exist in the kingdom of Christ life. If we are working we have many plagues on us, in the curse land where weeds and thistles cause us much discomfort in our flesh.

Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under a curse. For it is written, "Cursed is everyone who doesn't continue in all things that are written in the book of the law, to do them." {Deuteronomy 27:26}

James 3:9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the image of God.

James.3:11 Does a spring send out from the same opening fresh and bitter water? 3:12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, yield olives, or a vine figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh water.

Matt. 7:15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves.

7:16 By their fruits you will know them. Do you gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles? 7:17 Even so, every good tree produces good fruit; but the corrupt tree produces evil fruit.

7:18 A good tree can't produce evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree produce good fruit. 7:19 Every tree that doesn't grow good fruit is cut down, and thrown into the fire. 7:20 Therefore, by their fruits you will know them.

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