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*You should live as if your next breath or step will be your last  
|and everything around you will suddenly become irrelevant|  
Except your relationship with Jesus and The Father  
and how you lived as a citizen of The Kingdom of God!*

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*at 25:38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?*

*Mat 25:39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?*

*Mat 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*

Whatever you do to a Citizen of The Kingdom of God  
Affects Jesus in some way

Whatever you do for or against The Kingdom of God  
affects Jesus in some way

Whatever you do each day  
affects Jesus and The Kingdom of God in some way

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## The Kingdom of God

There is only one Kingdom on earth - the kingdom of Satan

There are two kingdoms in the spiritual realm though:

The Kingdom of God is in heaven

The kingdom of Satan is in hell and at the moment on earth because he still rules it. This is because Jesus has not come back to claim it as spoils of war.

The earth is defiled so only has the kingdom of Satan on it and the Citizens of heaven are strangers to it and its lifestyle, or at least should be. They are Pilgrims in a foreign land on their way to heaven.

You are born, live and die in enemy territory and life is a training ground for heaven which God uses the enemy to help you prepare for.

You only get one chance at getting it right so you need to make certain you know the rules for living on earth which are found in The Bible.

This realisation is the starting point for any discussion on The Kingdom of God:

That it is not on earth

It is seen in the activities of its Citizens

A Christian's life on earth is preparation for living in it in heaven

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There is a battle because its citizens on earth are in enemy territory and the enemy king is out to destroy them in any way he can.

This means you need to know how a Citizen is supposed to live, serve their King and fight or defend the things of their King.

This position as a citizen of The Kingdom of God occurs because you make Jesus your Lord so that you belong to His Kingdom and are also a citizen of Heaven because His Kingdom includes heaven.

Because we are citizens of the Kingdom of God our rulership is from Jesus its King and not from anything on earth such as denominations or boards of churches or ministers. However we are to obey legal authorities on earth when they do not ask us to contravene a Law of God.

While you are on earth you are a representative of The Kingdom of God proving by your life you are worthy to be a citizen of This Kingdom and thus a citizen of heaven when you die.

Earth is God's training and proving ground to prove you are worthy to be a citizen of His Kingdom and thus a citizen of heaven. Only if Jesus is your Lord and you wholeheartedly try to do his Will guided by The Holy Spirit do you enter heaven.

God looks at our attitudes as we do His Will and not the results to determine if we have the correct attitudes to belong to His Kingdom.

Thy kingdom come

The Kingdom is so important for the people on earth that Lord Jesus taught us to pray to The Father "Thy Kingdom Come".

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This could not have been for Christians because they are citizens of The Kingdom of God and so for them The Kingdom has already come. There are two possibilities that Jesus could have meant:

For The Kingdom to be expressed in this world when its authority is expressed on earth over Satan.

For the presence of The Kingdom to come to this world (which would occur after His death when He was finally given rule of it in The Millennium.

Both of these purpose can only be of benefit for the people outside the Kingdom.

So when we pray” Thy Kingdom come” we are really asking God to show His presence so that people will believe in Him.

The Kingdom can only be seen as it is manifested on earth through:

The casting out of demons

Demonstrating supernatural healing

Miracles

The expression of God’s quality of Love.

Remember! You walk around carrying The Kingdom in you and how you express it and its values will determine your salvation and rewards.

### **The Gospel of The Kingdom**

The Gospel of The Kingdom is not the Gospel of Salvation, or the Gospel of Redemption that happened at Calvary. They are a part of it.

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It is the totality of what God has done for you now and has prepared for you in eternity and what He is doing to help you get there giving you the best possible preparation for going to heaven and living with Him there in eternity.

Jesus went around preaching The Gospel of The Kingdom and doing good works (Mat 4:23,24) so these two things are central to any ministry that states they follow Jesus. If they are not preaching, teaching and demonstrating The Kingdom of God they are not doing the ministry of Jesus (Mark 16:17-18, Is 61:1-2).

Central to Salvation is the Lordship of Jesus in the life of His follower and the requirements of their being a citizen of The Kingdom of God. Any follower of Jesus deliberately not representing and expressing The Kingdom of God or at least trying too are not really following Jesus and may not be saved if they deliberately do not do this.

The Kingdom is expressed through your obedience to Jesus.

Central to all you do is the Lordship of Jesus and the placing all things you are steward of (including yourself) under His authority (His Kingdom) and control for Him to use and protect.

There is no complete deliverance from the kingdom of darkness if Jesus is not Lord of every area of your life.

### **The Gospel of The Kingdom involves:**

Salvation (deliverance) from the authority of the kingdom of darkness,

Redemption from the penalty for our sins against God which results in the restoration of our relationship with Jesus and The Father.

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Healing and deliverance from the effects the kingdom of darkness on us, Spiritually and sometimes physically. (God does not heal everyone because it may not be best for us at that time).

A personal relationship with Jesus and The Father as a citizen of His Kingdom an adopted spiritual child of The Father.

A personal relationship with The Holy Spirit as well as His personal guidance,

Eternal life resulting from the relationship with Jesus and The Father (John 17:3).

The privilege of serving Jesus as citizen of His Kingdom.

The privilege of living forever with the members of The Trinity forever in heaven.

If we preach only the Gospel of Salvation or the Gospel of Redemption then we do not preach all of the above. We only preach about the entrance to The Kingdom or redemption from the penalty of our sins and not all that Jesus preached.

It is preaching teaching and demonstrating the authority of The Kingdom of God over Satan and his works, like Jesus did, which marks people as belonging to The Kingdom of God and which attracted people to the Christian faith of the early church.

It is the demonstrating the power and authority of The kingdom of God over the works of Satan (sickness, demonic oppression, spiritual death etc.) that draws people to Jesus and His Kingdom and demonstrates

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how superior it is to Satan's kingdom as well as shows The Kingdom is a reality.

The church not doing these things hides the Kingdom of God.

### **Core Attitudes**

The pillars of the Christian faith are

Faith – the desire to know Him

Lordship – the desire to serve Him

Holiness – the desire to set yourself apart for Him

Stewardship

Love – the desire to express His Character in you.

Everything in the Christian faith is a result, to a degree, of all or some of these. Usually every activity a Christian does will have these as the basis for it in some degree.

These are a result of complete faith and trust in God and are expressed in our life as we express the character, faithfulness and Love of God (which is the expression of His quality of Love) in all we do.

Sin is a rejection of Lordship, a misuse of something we are steward of and a lack of love shown to something or someone.

God is pure Love and if we are to express the character of God then all we do will be done in His quality of Love, which is why it is so important that deliberately not

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## **You are redundant**

God is complete in Himself and does not need you for anything.

He does not need anything

He does not need a Kingdom

He does not need mankind

He does not need to save or redeem them or anything else

For all purposes we are really redundant to God.

So why did He make you? He did not need too!

He made you for all the good things He could do for you because of His Love for you as a result of the relationship He desired to have with you. This Love is behind everything He does for you and is the reason we have a Gospel.

God did not need to do what was necessary for us to be able to relate to Him but did so.

This is the essence of The Gospel. That God loved us so much that in spite of our rebellion and rejection of Him He died for us so we could once again have the perfect relationship we had with Him in the beginning.

## **A Basic Gospel**

The Bible begins with mankind in a perfect relationship with God in a perfect environment. However, they disobeyed God and by this rebelled against him (They rejected His rule of and love over them).

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God was King of this beautiful, perfect place they were in. They had rebelled against their ruler. This is called treason which is punishable by death or banishment from the kingdom of the King.

The man and the woman suffered both fates. They were cast out of the garden (died spiritually) into the only other place available for them which was the enemy's kingdom on earth. and would also die physically now. This was a place of imperfection, death and decay God had prepared for His enemy: Satan, the devil. The world they were in also started to decay and no longer was perfect. They were now in a place ruled by the enemy of God.

The man and the woman both died, spiritually, because they could no longer go and talk to God and would be forever separated from Him after their death in the place His enemy ruled (hell).

Whoever king you serve when you die is the one whose kingdom you go to when you die. If God is your King you are restored, in heaven, to the relationship that the man and the woman lost through their rebellion (a perfect body in a perfect place talking personally to God).

If you do not go to be with God in His Kingdom you go to the only other place left, called hell, where Satan is king and he hates people so much that he really causes them to suffer terribly.

God does not send people to hell. They go there because they have chosen to follow Satan and rejected what Jesus required of them. This is because they have done something which they know is wrong and refuse to give it up. Because they are defiled by this sin, they cannot enter heaven where all is undefiled.

So, man was in this predicament. God required a punishment for their rebellion and mankind was not able to meet it because God is infinite

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and man is finite. The rebellion required an infinite punishment for restitution to God and mankind is finite so could not meet this requirement.

God saw that He alone could do something about this situation. God is Love by nature so He sent Jesus to die on Calvary and meet God's requirements of mankind's punishment for every one that ever lived if they decided to wholeheartedly try follow Jesus as their King.

So, Jesus met the requirements of God's punishment and mankind was once again able to have God as a close, personal, friend and to go to the beautiful place called heaven when they die where the original perfection of the garden exists, where there is no death or decay and all is perfect.

### **What must you do to get to heaven?**

You must believe Jesus is Lord of all

That He is God,

Who came to earth and died for you on Calvary,

Redeemed you (removing every barrier between you and God) so that you can now enter heaven and

Then you must try wholeheartedly to obey Him in all He asks you to do which means you need to study His guidebook, The Bible

You must also have a personal relationship with him and not just know about him (Jn 17:3)

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You need to learn how to be guided by The Holy Spirit so He can tell you what God would like you to do.

Remember that God did not need to do any of this as He does not need it to be complete. His love for His created children drove Him to do this He desires the relationship with us so much like it was in the beginning when mankind walked with God in a close, personal relationship in the perfect environment prepared for them by God.

The Bible begins with mankind in His Kingdom and ends with mankind in His Kingdom and all in between is the testing to see who are worthy of being a citizen of The Kingdom of God.

### **The two relationships in John 17:3**

*Joh 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*

The word 'know' does not mean just knowledge of but means an intimate knowledge of.

There are two relationships in the Christian life:

With Jesus as Lord of the earth of the universe

With The Father as His adopted child which means Jesus is your spiritual step brother and every other Christian is a spiritual step brother or sister.

The Holy Spirit is our guide to carry out these relationships correctly.

Service to Jesus should be out of Love for our spiritual step brother because of the relationship we have with Him as and adopted child of The Father guided by The Holy Spirit and not fear of hell.

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So, we serve Jesus out of Love for Him and not fear of punishment and so promote His Will in all we do. The Christian life then becomes an expression of the love relationship we have with Jesus and The Father.

## **The Salvation Relationship**

The salvation relationship is not a master/servant one like demons have or King/Citizen of God, but one of a children to their Father, because He has adopted us. Because of this adoption you automatically become a citizen of The Kingdom of God.

It is a love relationship and all that properly occurs in the relationship is based on love.

So, it is not primarily a role as a citizen of The kingdom of God but as a member of God's Family.

So, what are the parts of a relationship?

Primarily it results in spending time with them, doing things with them because you love them and enjoy their company:

You spend time with them and share what is on your heart with them

You serve each other out of love and not because you have to

You encourage each other and help each other

You express your love for the in all you do with and for them.

There is an intimacy and according to the degree of the relationship will be its depth

When you are with them you are happy and even joyful at times

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You pray for each other and with each other\

You tell other about the relationship

You help people maintain this relationship

On earth (the physical realm) its deepest sense is in marriage. In the spiritual realm the deepest expression is in our relationship with God as part of His family.

The promise of God's provision in Matt 6:33 is a result of our desire to serve God out of love for Him and not because we are ministering as a citizen of His Kingdom. We minister as a citizen of His Kingdom because we love Him not because we have too.

We minister for the purposes of His Family (which we belong too) of which His Kingdom is a part of this.

Everything we do in our Christian life reflects our Love for Him and His family. Our obedience and service is a result of our love for The Father and Jesus and not because we have to serve them.

This is why you need to ask The Father what His Will is when it is not clear in The Bible so you know how to serve Him and The Kingdom of God and promote this family enterprise.”

### **Eternal life Relationships**

In John 17:3 we are told that eternal life is a relationship with Jesus and The Father.

Why is the Holy Spirit not mentioned? There is nothing left to rule but hell and that belongs to Satan so He has been given care of the true church on earth which it is so important to be able to hear His advice.

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The relationship with Jesus as your Lord occurs when you are saved and become a citizen of The Kingdom of God. When you are redeemed you are able to enter heaven and enter into a relationship with Your Father in heaven. This happens when you are saved by accepting Jesus as your Lord. and as Jesus is your spiritual step brother because you belong to The Father's Family as His spiritual adopted child.

*Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

As Salvation and redemption occur at the same time these two relationships are entered into at the same time. This is why there are two relationships to eternal life. There are two sets of obedience to obey – citizen of The Kingdom of God and an adopted child of The Father – so there are two different relationships to develop.

The part of The Holy Spirit is to be a guide to people to be able to live as these relationships require. This is why you must be led (guided) by The Holy Spirit in all you do.

The world around you is ruled by Satan and its purpose is to lead you away from these relationships with God by hiding God's Love from you. So, The Holy Spirit has been given to guide you to avoid the snares the world (Satan's world system) places in front of you.

These relationships are necessary because The Christian life is an expression of these relationships being correctly observed and expressed in your life. The Holy Spirit is the counselor God has given to us to guide us and you ignore a wise counselor to your hurt.

So, you need to learn how to carry out these three relationships which is not taught by the church because Satan has subtly guided preaching so that they do not teach:

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How to live as a citizen of The Kingdom of God

How to live as an adopted child of The Father

How to clearly hear The Holy Spirit and be guided by Him as you go through your daily life.

Learning these things should be a priority in your daily life if you desire to go to heaven.

The Father provides every good thing we have and has His angels help you

The Lord Jesus governs and protects you and what He has made you steward of and has given you His delegated authority so you can overcome the temptations of Satan and defeat him and his plans

The Holy Spirit teaches, guides and empowers you to live The Christian life in the way God desires you to live it and uses the life He has given you on earth to prepare you for heaven.

It is important to learn how to live these relationships if you desire to correctly relate to each member of the Trinity.

### **How do you relate to God?**

You relate to God like you would relate to any normal person.

You spend time with them

You serve them and help them

The more intimate the relationship with them the more you reveal of yourself to them.

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This is why you need to talk and listen to Jesus, The Father and The Holy Spirit as you go through the day and share your joy and problems with them and show your thankfulness to them for all they do for you.

The Christian life is the expression of your love relationship with The Father and Jesus guided by The Holy Spirit and you serve Jesus out of love and not fear of punishment endeavouring to help your spiritual step brother in His work on earth.

We are God's representatives on earth each with our own special assignments for Him. It is as we do these assignments properly that we show we are a good citizen of His Kingdom and love and are Worthy of eternal life in heaven with Him.

These relationship are so important that Jesus as at least said two to different people that only 20% of Christians will go up in the rapture because they know of Him but do not have an intimate personal relationship with Him.

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## **The Core Attitudes of the Christian life**

Faith

Lordship

Holiness

Stewardship

God's Quality of Love

These are the foundational areas of the Christian life on which all else is an expression of.

Through faith we believe in whom God is and our relationship to Him

This results in a Lordship decision

We practice holiness to maintain this Lordship relationship

We are good stewards of what our King asks us to look after for Him as an expression of our love for Him and The Father.

Love is the basis of all we do and it is because we love our King we obey Him and do His will. We serve Jesus not just because He is our Lord but primarily out of love for Him as our spiritual step brother. Love is the ultimate expression of our relationship with Him and indeed our life is an expression of our attitude to this love relationship.

### **Faith**

Foundational attitude

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It is being convicted that something exists that you cannot see

Without faith none of the other attitudes will occur

You must trust completely in The Bible about who God is and what He has done and said he has done is doing and will do.

Faith comes from reading and studying The Bible as you see who God, what He has done and how He desires to relate to you (Rom 10:17).

It must be a complete trust in your relationship with God and His Love and stewardship of you

(My book on faith <http://nevillesalvetti.com/lovefaith.pdf>)

## **Lordship**

You make Him Lord because of who He is and what He has done for you and what you believe He will do for you

If your focus is on Him and his things they will not be on Satan and his things and Satan will not successfully persuade you rebel against God (sin)

Jesus is Lord so what He says to do must be done or you have become your own God

Obedience is out of Love for what He has done for you and because He is also family, your spiritual step brother

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## **Holiness**

Holiness is an attitude that rejects all Satan throws at a person either in direct temptation or through the people or environment Satan has placed around them

The person's focus is solely on Jesus and His Will for them

Holiness results from complete obedience to the Will of God for you

It is an expression of trust in all that God asks you to do

It is our first defence against the temptations of Satan to reject what he offers us because it will damage our holiness

(My book on Holiness

<http://nevillesalvetti.com/holiness.pdf>)

## **Stewardship**

God is steward of all and is our example of stewardship -He maintains a whole universe properly

If we Love God, we will care for His things

We will care for His Kingdom and its people – helping and defending these things

It is required of stewards that they are faithful to their calling (Behind every sin is rebellion against God, a lack of love (or indifference to a need) and wrong stewardship)

(My book on Stewardship

<http://nevillesalvetti.com/stewardship.pdf>)

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## **Love**

God is Love

It expresses His character in us as we express it to others

By expressing His character, we worship Him

Love does not do for another what it should be doing for themselves

(See my book on faith)

## **Obedience**

Should be a natural expression of our Love for God and not legalistic obedience because you are afraid of Him

It worships Him by showing He is worthy to be obeyed

Obeying Him always results in what is best for you (we must believe Romans 8:28)

It brings rewards in heaven because God appreciates our obedience – and not because we deserve it having done only what we are required to do for Him as His servant

## **Worship**

You worship someone because you believe they are worthy of your worship

If you believe God is who He says He is in The Bible you will worship Him

It is an act of Love and not legalism

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If it is forced it is not an act of worship but of compulsion and love has no part in it and may even be ritual so not a form of worship.

(My book on Glory and Worship  
<http://nevillesalvetti.com/gloryworship.pdf>)

## **Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving is a natural appreciation of love for and of a person who has helped you in some way

If it is forced it is not thanksgiving but compulsion and love has no part in it

It should be a natural expression of appreciation of all God has done for you

If we believe God is behind all the good that we are given, that happens or He allows to happen, then we will always be thanking Him for whatever happens – good or bad

Sin has three components:

Rebellion against the Lordship of Jesus

Bad stewardship of something

A lac of love or indifference

## **The Servant of God**

A citizen of The Kingdom of God is a servant of God!

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People translate ‘servant’ as ‘slave’. A slave has no choice in what to do. But we have a choice so we are servants and not slaves.

Jesus is His Lord and Master.

We have lost the concept of the meaning of the word ‘servant’ therefore few of us know what it means to be a servant – let alone God’s servant.

In the four ‘Servant Songs’ of Isaiah, God shows us what it means to be God’s Servant!

A servant is one who submits to the will of his master. A slave does also. The difference is a servant can choose whom he will serve where a slave cannot! In a sense we are slaves as we have been purchased by The Blood of Jesus but we are really servants choosing whom we will serve (God or Satan) and how we will serve (lukewarm, halfheartedly or wholeheartedly)!

The servant must at times do things which are unpalatable and which seem to have no rhyme, reason or purpose. They may be exposed to hardship or suffering or the mockery of man. They must accept these in the belief that God is in charge and that they will be rewarded for what they do, but not necessarily in this life! They must trust God completely and not their own emotions or reason!

One should not fear death in the service of God. After all they gain everything they have lived for.

They must also remember that they are doing The Will of their Master, Jesus, so really, He is the one being ridiculed and rejected and not them so they are to commit to Him all they suffer on His behalf and He will deal with our adversary.

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The problem with churches is that people choose how to serve and do not ask The Holy Spirit when and how they are to serve and/or do not sufficiently study The Bible to see how God desires them to serve Him!

The ‘Servant’ Songs show us how God desires His servant to serve!!!

### **The servant is elected for God’s Purposes (Is 42.1–4)**

*1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.*

*2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.*

*3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.*

*4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.*

God elects you to be a servant in an area (to minister for Him in that area). You do not assume this authority by yourself otherwise you do not have God’s Authority or Empowerment to support you in the work you do. He trains His servant, empowers (anoints and authorises them for the service) and guides them, and because they have been elected by God, they have God’s authority (anointing) in the area they serve Him in. God also supports His servant in the work He has given them to do.

God elects His servant for His purposes. The servant will always know what His Master (Jesus) desires him to do. He may not know why he is doing it but he will always know what His Master requires of him. He does not need to know why but only to trust His Master for the results of the service.

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A soldier does not ask the general why he is to do something. He just does it believing it is done for their best purposes,

The good servant trusts his master and does not need to know why he is doing what he is doing for his master.

This shows the danger of assuming a ministry and not being appointed by God so it is fully supported by Him. God cannot support some-things He does not authorise. The person assuming a ministry is not authorized or empowered by God and will only work in the power of the ‘flesh’! The results of this ministry will not stand the test of time, unlike those servants that do His Work.. It may have some blessing from God but nothing to what it could have been blessed with.

God does reward service (Gal 6:7-8) but if you are where He desires you to minister the blessings are far greater.

If their heart attitudes are correct before God He will honour their service to Him in some way but not in the way He would have liked too. They are still serving Him but not in the way He desires them too so are not on the path of maximum blessing and productivity. He honours their heart commitment and not their results as they may be even hindering His work by what they are doing.

This is the problem of many immature people who seek to be a minister in a church but really do not know what God wants them to do and assume they are to be a minister. Often this is sought to unconsciously bolster their self-esteem so not only are they not mature sufficiently to minister but also bring in to their ministry problems and hurts of the past that will hinder their being effective in their work.

No wonder ministers burn out and resign as they use up all their fleshly energy and have no spiritual energy left. No wonder churches do not

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function properly as the minister tries to be holy, meet the need of his own problems, run a family and try and meet the needs of the denomination in that local church he has assumed he is in control of.

The servant always points to Jesus when asked how things happened or why they are so ‘successful’.

The sole purpose of the servant is to serve Jesus.

The servant will not destroy what remains spiritually of a person’s faith in God but will encourage and support what is left of their faith. This is because they love them as Jesus does. They will help them and sustain them so they can cope with the trial they are going through and plead their cause so truth and justice is done! They do all they can to help people know Jesus and to mature them and they and show the Love of God to people in all they do.

Because the servant has God supporting them they will not be discouraged and will persevere to accomplish the purpose God has set for them to do!

### **The purpose of the servant is described Is 42.5–9**

*5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:*

*6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;*

*7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.*

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*8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.*

*9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.*

The servant is to live a life that exemplifies the relationship people are to have with God and will teach people how to have this relationship! They will open the eyes of the spiritually blind and will rescue captives from the prison Satan has them in so they will be able to enjoy their new relationship with God (Deliverance and spiritual warfare).

This is the ministry of The Messiah (Jesus who quoted Is 61:1-2 in regard to this), and is the ministry of all who would be like Jesus. How can you be like Jesus when you only do a part of what He did?

God uses the servant so that the glory usurped by Satan is restored to God. God will not let another have His glory: servant, demon or those rejecting His Authority. The servant is used to restore to God the worship that is due to God by the people of the nations.

The servant is the messenger of God revealing God to the nations. He will reveal and demonstrate by his life the new relationship God has with those who will accept the teachings of his Master, Jesus!

### **The commissioning of the servant is described Is 49.1–6**

*1 Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.*

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*2 And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;*

*3 And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.*

*4 Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God.*

*5 And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.*

*6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.*

While the servant was being formed in his mother's womb God called him to be a servant of His. God prepared him for ministry. He polished his speech and character and hid him until the appointed time of his ministry. Note God calls him so he does not have to respond. The servant voluntarily serves Jesus.

He told His servant that he will glorify God by the way he serves God! People will see that God is the source of his actions and give Glory to God because of the way the servant expresses God through his life!

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The servant does not care about the rewards of men or earthly riches but is content to be rewarded by God in heaven. God will strengthen him in this and because of his life, many will be reconciled to God!

The servant realises the honour he has received to be called a servant of God and that God has called him to reconcile people to Him! He is a light to the world as he tells the truth of God's desire for a close relationship with people.

### **The servant's reliance on God is spoken of Is 50.4–9**

*4 The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.*

*5 The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back.*

*6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.*

*7 For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.*

*8 He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me.*

*9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.*

The servant relies on God to do what He has promised and as a result the attitude of the servant is different to that of the peoples around him!

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The servant uses his tongue wisely. Each morning he wakes to the voice of God as he spends time listening to Him and learning from Him. He is submissive to the Will of God and accepts the rebukes and instruction God gives to him!

He was willing to suffer shame and hardship if it would help someone be reconciled to God or would further serve the purposes of God!

He relies on God to vindicate him and protect him in God's chosen timing and not his own. This may mean death before vindication and deliverance, but this does not concern him as the purposes of God are greater than his own purposes!

### **His steadfastness in God's purpose is declared Is 52.13 – 53.12**

*13 Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.*

*14 As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:*

*15 So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.*

*1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?*

*2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.*

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*3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

*4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

*5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

*6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

*7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.*

*8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.*

*9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.*

*10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.*

*11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.*

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*12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*

God lets His servant be treated so badly that people will wonder at what happens to him and believe that God has cursed His servant. But the servant accepts this suffering and continues to do the will of God! God then uses the servant to save many and exalts him in His timing. This path of God's abasement and restoration is the only path that leads to God alone being able to lift up His servant as the servant is not in a position for himself to recover and others are not in a position to help him do so! Only God is able to lift His servant from the position He has let him fall too!

It is at this lowest point that great servants are made or lost, according to the dependence of the person on God, or his own abilities, for his restoration!

This 'dark night of the soul' and the associated 'wilderness experience' must be gone through by all who would serve God and it is in this 'dark night' that many fall away just short of the final victory!

God will eventually exalt His servant because the servant has acted wisely and faithfully done all that God has asked him to do! Kings of the earth will listen in silence and amazement at what has happened to the servant and what the message of the servant is. They will be attracted by whom he is and what he has to say rather than to his appearance.

The servant will mature before God but will be treated badly by men who will not understand what God is doing through him. He will have

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a burden for the lost and will suffer in his attempts to save them and be used to reconcile them to God!

He will not defend himself or claim any rights as the only rights he has will have been given him by God! He also considers the purposes of God of more importance than his own life and pleasure! But God takes pleasure in his suffering because of the attitude of the servant to Him and because of what the servant has achieved through his obedient death!

The servant will see the fruits of his labour in eternity and will be satisfied and God will exalt him for all to see!

Suffering is the way of God and the servant is called to suffer! We will be true servants of Jesus when we listen to God as Jesus did and have as our priorities the purposes and will of God at the expense of our own personal pleasures and enjoyments!!

The true servant of God delights to do the will of God and rejoices that he is found worthy to do the work of God. He gladly embraces trials and tribulations for the privilege of being used by His Lord and King.

The will of his God is more important than his own will and like a true servant he places the will and desires of his master over his own.

He knows he can only do his master's will because his master gives him the authority to serve him and in his serving is the expression of the master and reveals His masters Character, as he represents his master by the way he serves.

He knows that because of the faithful way he serves his master, his master delights in him and will gladly and joyfully reward him.

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Along with the concept of being set aside for the master's exclusive use and his choosing to serve the master, is the concept of holiness – the position of the servant's master in the realm of things.

God is Holy – set apart from all creation, pure and complete in himself!

We are sanctified – set apart for God. Holiness is not in our nature. We must work at it! We are only in a correct (righteous) relationship with a Holy God because of what Jesus has done.

The servant's status and relationship depends on what the master allows and depends at times on how the servant relates to his master. There are times the master will appear to ignore the servant's need but he still feeds and clothes the servant.

If the servant starts complaining about his own needs and rights, ahead of his master's requirements, the master will no longer be able to use him. Thus, the servant who wants his masters rewards will put his master's needs – whether directed to by his master or not – ahead of his own.

Happy is the servant whose joy is to serve his master and please him because he loves his master more than himself – he will be rewarded. But those who insist on their own rights ahead of their masters' will be cast out into the darkness of the night!

*'And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your Servant'*

Jesus told us that leaders are servants and that the role of a minister of Jesus, and thus a servant, was to be desired if you would be 'great' in the Kingdom of The Father.

This servant attitude reflects that of God and by this you show you are His servant reflecting His nature.

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God keeps us all alive (both the good and the wicked) and provides for our needs. He does not force Himself on us as He has given us free will. He guides us and helps us make the right decisions but gives us the freedom to reject His advice. This is the second aspect of a servant. He is a teacher. The true teacher is also a servant.

Hence the role of a servant is defined:

Assist others to help themselves when they are unable too

Teach others to help themselves when they are able to, and to

Bring people to knowledge of the truths of God and of His works

Free people from the kingdom of Satan and its effects on them

Bring Glory and Honour to God in all they do

This was the nature of God's servant, Jesus - the greatest servant of all!

Christians say they are servants of God! The truth is anyone who obeys God wholeheartedly is His servant.

A servant is one who obeys the instructions of another. Demons are God's servants as they must obey Him and His guidelines. The difference is that we do it out of love for what Jesus and The Father has done for us. They do it out of necessity

You would be a great servant for God? Obey Him in the little, daily things of life and as you prove your faithfulness, He will trust you with more! The Christian life is won in the little daily things done properly,

Remember we obey out of Love for Jesus as our spiritual step-brother and family and not out of legalism for fear of punishment.

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A Christian, in whom God's Love has matured, is really only happy in four circumstances:

Freeing people from Satan's kingdom and the effect of it on people

Expressing God's Love as they serve others and help others to grow and develop as people

Resting in the fellowship of God's Love and Grace with their consequent benefits.

Fellowshipping with others of like heart and mind.

If you love a person you are willing to suffer for them (putting aside your personal and selfish interests for their own good).

If you really love them you will die for them when asked too by Jesus.

How much you really love Jesus and others will be shown by how much you are willing to suffer for them - but not out of a sense of duty or fear of hell, but out of love for them, His Name and His purposes.

Love serves because it can see the benefit to another of the service and is willing to pay the cost for that to occur. By this is the Love of God shown in our lives that we serve others because it benefits them and not because of any selfish interests or desires being met.

True Love does not do for another what they should be doing for themselves but does for another what it cannot do for itself or needs help to be able to do it for themselves.

Most people want to do big, important things for Jesus. This is often so they will either feel they are doing God's will adequately and so are acceptable by God or for the purposes of self-esteem.

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God is interested only in the relationship and the love that flows from it. Nothing you do can change this. All Jesus requires of us is to relate to Him in love and do well what He gives you - no matter how small or trivial it appears to be!

Love is faithful and is a good steward of what they are trusted with and does what is required without thought of self or gain and thinks only of serving others and from this obtains its pleasure. Reward is not important, only the joy and benefit it gives to another.

In the Kingdom of God, no work is trivial or unimportant if it is done for The King as it is necessary in some way for The Kingdom to function properly. Where love is concerned there is no work too manual or trivial!

### **The picture of The Servant of God**

God:

Calls him

Authorises him

Anoints him with His Spirit

Empowers him

Guides him

Teaches him

Prepares him for service

Releases him for ministry in His Timing

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Guides Him in ministry

Strengthens him to minister and

Exalts him in His Timing

**The servant:**

Realises the great privilege and honour to be chosen as a servant of God

Seeks a deeper relationship with God

Humbles himself to obey God in every area no matter what the cost

Trusts God's Will in every area of his life

The Purposes and Will of God are all that are important to him

He will endure anything to do these as He knows these as best for God's Kingdom, himself and those they are ministering too

Believes God will reward him at the appropriate time but does not seek a reward for the service. It is done out of love and not for reward.

Is satisfied with what God gives him knowing that it is the best for God's purposes and also best for them.

God prepares and provides for His servant. All that He asks of His servant is trusting obedience and faithfulness. The true servant of God lives out Mat 6:33 in all things and is a perfect example of what it means to be a citizen of The Kingdom of God.

Remember that a citizen of The Kingdom is also a servant of The King!

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## **What Price Obedience?**

It cost Jesus everything to come to earth and live His earthly life to do The Will of God! It cost Him rulership and ownership of a universe for starters.

And He really was rewarded only after death, except for the joy of seeing people freed from the kingdom of darkness and the things that this kingdom had placed on them! And by this see His Father's Kingdom, expanded!

But then, the things of this earth held no appeal to Him and were really not important to Him! His Father's Will and Kingdom was all that mattered to Him!

These are the attitudes you must develop if you would be like Jesus.

In conclusion I ask the second most important question you will ever be asked.

What price will you pay to serve Jesus?

### **Addendum**

What does God ask His Servant to do?

The Great Commission to represent The Kingdom of God!

This is the command to preach, teach (disciple) and represent the Kingdom which can be summarised from all the statements of it by Jesus in the Gospels as:

*“All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,*

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*Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

*Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you*

*And preach repentance and remission of sins in My name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*

*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; But he that believeth not shall be damned.*

*And these signs shall follow them that believe;*

*(In other words, if you believe in who Jesus is, you will do the following as a natural part of your life.)*

*Jesus said you would In His Name that you would cast out devils;*

*You will speak with new tongues;*

*You will take up serpents;*

*And if you drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them;*

*You shall lay hands on the sick, and they will recover*

*And His promise is*

*And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”*

Jesus said that if we loved Him, we would do these things and serve Him by doing these things. So, if you are not doing these things you need to find out why and deal with it so that when you face Jesus and

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are judged for your life you will be declared by Him to be a good and faithful servant of His.

*1Th 1:5–6 For our good news did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance, even as you know how we lived among you for your sakes, and you became imitators of us and of our Master (Jesus), welcoming the Word in much affliction with joy of the Holy Spirit.*

## Some basic concepts

### **'J' is for Jesus**

Unless you know and understand who Jesus is and what He has done for then you, you will not strive to keep Him Lord and do His Will, develop the Salvation relationship you have with Him or even desire to keep your salvation.

Jesus came to reconcile you to God and to restore you to the original relationship mankind had with God in the Garden of Eden. This is why salvation is a relationship in which all God does for you is designed to restore this relationship to its fullness and not just a singular event or an act such as "inviting Jesus into your heart." You are transferred from Satan's Kingdom to God's Kingdom when you voluntarily accept Jesus as your King (Lord) and are then able enter into an intimate relationship with Him and The Father (John 17:3) being able to be guided by The Holy Spirit in this.

Jesus did all that was required at Calvary to enable you to do your part to enter in and keep this relationship, as well as to secure for eternity what He has promised you. He is the Author and Finisher of your faith (the one who makes it possible then provides all you need to mature in your faith till you reach heaven and His presence and then maintains you there). You enter this relationship by voluntarily declaring that Je-

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sus is your Lord and God and accepting Him as such in your life. You also accept all He taught and did at Calvary as well as the facts of His Incarnation (Him becoming born as a man) and Resurrection.

This is the basis of your relationship as a citizen of The Kingdom of God!

You maintain this relationship by living, as He requires you to live, as a citizen of the Kingdom of God. This is how you keep your salvation. In essence, salvation is worked out on an ongoing basis by fulfilling your role as a citizen of The Kingdom of God and through your obedience allowing Him to continue the work He started in you when you were translated (by The Father) into The Kingdom of God.

If you do not obey Jesus you can lose your salvation (Rev 3:5). He will blot out your Name from His book of Life.

Out of love for Jesus, you should try and think as He does and do as He would do toward others, to love them as He loves them, putting their needs before your own, being directed by The Holy Spirit in all these things (especially ministry). This means you only meet the needs of those Jesus desires you to meet or you could be hindering His purposes for them.

Love never does for another what they should be doing for themselves; unless, they are unable to do it and Jesus has directed you to do it or they need help in doing it.

Jesus is Lord of all so controls all and is able to do whatever He needs to do to help and protect you in your Christian life.

Salvation is the expression of the love relationship you have with Jesus and The Father Guided by The Holy Spirit.

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## The two 'W's

God has given you two witnesses to what The Father and Jesus has done for you. Both of them are given to help you develop your relationship with The Father and Jesus, as well as to help you know who and what you are in Jesus and what is required of you as a citizen of the Kingdom of God.

These two Witnesses are:

The Witness of The Word (His Bible)

The Witness of The Holy Spirit (your guide, teacher and empowerer Jn 16:13)

Both of these are a necessary part of the life of a citizen of The Kingdom who truly desires to relate too and serve their King in the way He desires them to do. Both witness to the Authority of Jesus and The Fathers' plans for you.

The Word purifies you as you meditate on it and as it resides in you. The Word also moulds you to be like your King. Its truths set you free. There is much The Word does and a study on The Word and its effects on people is worth consideration. Remember what God says about it:

*2Ti 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed.*

The Holy Spirit's presence in you marks you as belonging to Jesus and guides and empowers you to do what the King (Jesus) desires you to do. He also instructs you in the things of The Kingdom as well as guides

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you when The Word is silent or unclear in the situation in which you find yourself.

Both of these witnesses need to be in place in your life, actively moulding you to the image of your King, in order for you, as a citizen, to witness to and serve effectively The Kingdom of God. When these two witnesses are in place in your life, they will display The Kingdom of God through your life with power and authority. The sick will be healed, the prisoners will be released from the bondage of the enemy (Satan), and people will be drawn to Jesus by the quality of your life so you can tell them of what Jesus has done for you.

The seven-fold anointing of The Messiah will be upon you and your God-given ministry:

*It is the anointing to release people from the oppression of the enemy,  
It is the anointing to set the captives free,  
It is the anointing to proclaim liberty,  
It is the anointing to declare the year of the Lord,  
It is the anointing to preach good news,  
It is the anointing to deliver people from enemy attacks  
It is the anointing to set the spiritually blind free.*

The work of Jesus before He died can be summarised as follows:

Proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel of The Kingdom in power and glory. Teach about the Kingdom of God, Heaven and the King's requirements of His citizens (and their rewards).

The training others to carry on the ministry He started of witnessing to the Power and Authority of The Kingdom of which He is Lord and King of;

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*Mat 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.*

The Last comment on Paul's life is:

*Act 28:30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,*

*Act 28:31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him*

Your life should reflect the two 'W's, and you should know them so well that they should become a natural expression in all you do. If you do not know them, you cannot express them. If you do not know what God teaches, you cannot express His Rule in your life and teach others these things. If you do not know how to hear The Holy Spirit you can neither be guided by Him in all you do, nor can He express through you the gifts you have been given and also be empowered by Him to do miracles so that you can serve as Jesus desires you too and not as you think you should.

### **The Three 'P's**

God's Protection, God's Provision, God's Providence.

God loves everyone and desires that all will be saved from the kingdom of darkness. He sustains the evil people in this world in the hope they will repent. Your response to this Love determines whether you spend eternity with Him or in hell with His enemy. You are also to love people with the same quality of Love as He does even though you may not like or approve of what they do. This also includes enemies, peoples and relatives you do not like.

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*You must love them as someone God created so are His children but you do have to love (approve) of what they do.*

## **His Protection**

As a citizen of His Kingdom, He protects you from harm as long as you obey Him and have not removed any part of yourself from His Kingdom. You remove parts of yourself from His Kingdom through knowingly disobeying Jesus, because of your having an incorrect attitude in an area of your life so that He is not lord of it, or, through willfully sinning, rejecting His Lordship in an area. Admitting the sin, wholeheartedly repenting and giving the area to Jesus restores you to the Kingdom of God and to His Protection once again.

Anything not given to Jesus can be attacked by Satan. Anything given to Jesus to be Lord of cannot be attacked by Satan successfully because you do not want what he offers.

In a sense, Lordship and its resultant obedience is your protection because Satan cannot get you to accept anything of his so that you will not sin. For you to sin you must accept and do what Satan suggests you do.

## **His Provision**

Satan will try to have you doubt God's Love and Provision. If he can do this then you will doubt Mat 6:33 and not wholeheartedly seek Jesus and His Will because in your heart you doubt His Love for you so that you have difficulty trusting Him.

The basis of obedience is Love to God, out of appreciation for what He has done for you, and if Satan can get you to doubt God's Love your obedience will be incomplete. Your faith will be uncertain at times because you are not sure God loves you enough to do what you need or that He may not be working for what is best for you.

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Christianity is the expression of the love relationship you have with The Father, Jesus guided by The Holy Spirit.

God provides for all the needs of every living person which includes what you need to minister to Him and for Him (Matt 6:33). You serve Jesus and your first service is to Him and then as He directs to others. If you do not seek His Will you will not do His Perfect Will as a steward of all He has given you to care for on His behalf. As a result, you will expend time and energy on things Jesus does not want you to do because you should not be a steward of them to have to look after them.

You do not need to sin to hinder or stop the work of God. Satan has persuaded many Christians to do what is second best for God and not do what God actually desires them to do. By this Satan hinders or stops the work of God and His Kingdom. This is why you should always ensure that what you are doing is what God desires you to do and is not what you have reasoned you should be doing or what someone else says you should be doing.

There are three levels in this provision of God and each lower level is included in and necessary for the subsequent levels.

In ascending levels these are:

Your basic needs to exist as a person a

Your additional needs in order to serve Him (for Christians who want to serve Him)

Your rewards for serving Him (For His faithful servants)

These areas affect your life on Earth as well as your future life in eternity, in Heaven (which is just a continuation of the relationship with, and service to Jesus, you have now on earth).

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Are there rewards for service in heaven? The Bible is silent but there is a principle that exists in Gal 6:7-8 and Heb 11:6 that service will result in rewards of some sort. Not necessarily the type of rewards you know on earth. But then, serving others in heaven is not done for reward but out of love for the person and Jesus and this is the attitude we need to cultivate on earth so that we are prepared for heaven. This attitude is developed more and more as we appreciate more and more the Love of Jesus for us and what He has done for us.

Remember that Salvation is a reward resulting from faithful obedience to Jesus and this alone should make the struggles of The Christian life all worthwhile.

## **His Providence**

His Providence means He controls all things for His purposes and for your good and that all that happens is for your best (Genesis 50:20, Jer 29:11, Romans 8:28). There are no accidents with God. If there were He would not be God as they would be out of His control,

God is Love, and this is the basis for evaluating all He does to you and for you. Any other evaluation of His motives results in complaining and thanklessness and causes you to question His Love for you as well as to bring His Love and Character into disrepute. By this you call God a liar!

This is why you are told to be always thankful for whatever happens, even though you cannot see God's Purposes in them at the time, as what happens is an expression of His love for you, and you should be grateful for that.

Remember, His plans are more important than your plans. You cannot fully understand the plans of the mind of God with your finite mind, so

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you should not question them. Questioning the ways of God does not give you understanding and may even make you more negative toward His workings in your life (Isaiah 55:8,9 and Deuteronomy 29:29). It also implies He does not know what He is doing. He will always tell you what you need to know. The rest you do not need to worry about.

So called secret knowledge is of Satan. If God wants you to know something, He will tell you (Duet 29:29, Jn 7:17).

### **The four 'R's**

They are: relationships, rights, responsibilities and rewards (for carrying out your citizenship roles and responsibilities correctly). Salvation is a relationship that gives you certain rights, responsibilities and rewards.

#### **Relationships:**

You relate to: God

God The Father

As an adopted child (spiritual child)

As a citizen of His Kingdom

As a worshipper

A beneficiary of His Love

God The Son (Jesus)

As your Lord (King) As your Saviour

As your redeemer

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As your Friend and spiritual step-brother

As part of His family (Step brother or Step sister)

God The Holy Spirit

As a student of His

As His temple (a vehicle of His in this world)

As your Guide and Comforter

As your Empowerer

Others

Inside or outside your family

Those under your authority ( You serve them) Those in authority over you (You obey them)

People you are sent to minister too (serve and mentor them)

People sent to minister to you (we submit to them only for the period God has sent them to minister to you so God can use them for the purpose for which He has sent them to you)

Ourselves

Your Spirit: to keep it in harmony with The King and His Kingdom

Your heart: so that it is continuously focused on the things of Jesus

Your soul (mind): to keep it sound and focused on The Kingdom

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Your flesh: to discipline so Satan cannot use it

Your body: to keep it fit for the work of The Kingdom

**Rights:**

To serve God and then, as directed by Him, His citizens and others

To expect the support and protection of The King as you serve Him

To approach the King and expect a hearing

To have your needs met so you can serve Him as He desires you too

All the rights you have as an heir of Salvation

These rights are gifts granted by The King because of your relationship to Him and not because of anything you have done to make you worthy to receive these gifts. They are an expression of His Love and Grace towards you.

**Responsibilities:**

To serve and represent The King as He directs you too

To defend the King, His Will (desires, rules and laws), His Name (His Character) and His Kingdom. Jesus builds His Kingdom but we must be available to go wherever He wants us too and do whatever He asks of us so He can use us in His tasks He desires done to expand The Kingdom and rescue people from the kingdom of darkness.

To be good stewards of what The King has trusted you with (relationships, knowledge, things He desires you to be steward of on His behalf)

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To do your part in the salvation relationship and develop it as He guides you to through wholehearted obedience to His requirements of you.

To love others and yourself as He loves you and everyone else

Remember that ministry is first to God. Then He will tell you who to minister too, when, where, how and in what way He desires you to serve Him but has the right not to tell you why you are serving Him that way. It is wrong to talk about 'our' ministry. We, as citizens of the Kingdom, do not have our own ministry. What we do have is service to the King and then to others as directed by our King. This means you minister/serve as He directs you too and uses this to teach you and mould you in an area. This is the way He matures you into His image (Character) so you can be like Him in thought and action and be prepared by Him for heaven.

It is His ministry and we serve him so ministers in churches do not have their ministry but God's ministry He has given to them and are serving in the area He has placed them in to serve it unless He has allowed it because they have chosen to serve there but not placed them there.

We really only have one ministry and that is to our King, Jesus. All Kingdom ministry to others is a result of this.

The moment you realise you serve Jesus or the denomination and hopefully both at the same time, you will know whether you serve Jesus or man.

So, do you ask Jesus what to do? Or do you assume what a denomination or church tells you to do without asking Jesus if it is His Will for you?

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## **Rewards (Ga1 6:7,8):**

Being in His eternal presence with Him in heaven and beyond

His eternal provision for your needs: now, in heaven and beyond

Rewards in Heaven (including a place to live in with Him forever)

Rewards of additional spiritual responsibility (promotion on earth) and the resultant appropriate empowerment

The rewards of an heir of Salvation

## **Attitudes of a Citizen of The Kingdom of God**

*Phil 2:12-13 (ESV) My dear friends, you always obeyed what you were taught. Just as you obeyed when I was with you, it is even more important for you to obey now that I am not there. So you must continue to live in a way that gives meaning to your salvation. Do this with fear and respect for God. Yes, it is God who is working in you. He helps you want to do what pleases him, and he gives you the power to do it.*

When you become a Christian you begin a lifestyle journey to put into practice what it means to be a Christian. This means you must learn how to live as one and develop the attitudes required to live as one. Demons confess Jesus is Lord but do not live as He requires them to live. So being a Christian is more than just declaring Jesus is Lord!

Living as a citizen of The Kingdom of God should be how a Christian should purpose to live.

Anyone who says they follow Jesus but does not live as He requires them too is following the lifestyle demons have seduced them to live

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and may not get to heaven. It is only those that confess Jesus as Lord and show it by their lifestyle that will go to heaven.

It is the intimate, personal relationship you have with The Father and The Lord Jesus guided by The Holy Spirit that prepares you for heaven and the Christian life is primarily the expression of this relationship.

There is a warning in Rev 3:5 that states that anyone who deliberately does not live in the manner Jesus requires them to live will not go to heaven but will go to hell.

This document discusses the attitudes and purposes a Christian should have to live in the way Jesus desires them to live.

## **God's Purpose**

God's purpose for us is to believe in Jesus and all He said and then to act on these beliefs:

*John 6:29 Jesus answered, "The work God wants you to do is this: to believe in the one he sent."*

To do this we must develop an intimate relationship with Jesus and understand His Love for us so we will know who He is and what He has done for us and appreciate Him sufficiently to be motivated to follow Him.

We must learn all we can about Him and His requirements of us so we can relate to Him as we should and live in a way that pleases Him.

We are to serve Him out of love for Him and appreciation of what He has done for us. Fear of hell is not a good motivation for serving him, but it does help to realise what happens if you do not obey Him as Lord.

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Jesus said in John 14:15: *If you love me, keep my commandments.*

Praise, adoration, worship, obedience and love for Jesus are a result of our appreciation of who He is, what He has done for us, is doing for us and will do for us as is our serving Him out of love for Him.

Unless you see God's Heart for people you will not love them as He does or love Him as you should and will not serve Him out of a pure Love for Him. You also will not fully see how much He Loves you.

Remember that the Christian life is our response to God's Love for each of us individually.

So, we need to learn about God and His Love for us and to draw ever closer and intimately with Him to know His heart of Love for us and others so that we can respond out of Love for Him and obey and serve Him out of the quality of Love He has for us and others.

To know His Love, you must experience it and know you have experienced it and this is where The Holy Spirit helps you by showing you this. As you trust Him more you develop a greater love for Him and He can show and reveal more of His Love toward you.

### **God's type of Love expresses itself as The Fruit of The Spirit.**

In summary, you could say that Love is the result of an active belief in God and what He has done for you. It expresses itself in selfless service and seeking only what God desires a person to seek. It trusts God in all that happens so it is never troubled by circumstances and obtains its worth from what God thinks of them so is never defending whom they are as a person so can accept others as they are. This means they can express the Character of God in them as they do not need to prove who they are to others as they know their worth because of their relationship with God.

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This attitude is obtained by seeing God's Love, care, provision, plans for them and protection of them through spending time with Him and experiencing these things as they serve Him.

To express the Character of God then you must remove self and its needs so that only God's quality of character flows through you in all you do. This can only be done through self-discipline and studying what God's Character is like and applying it to your life which God helps you to do through trials and suffering as He builds your faith up so that you will try to be like Him character wise.

### **Some definitions of important aspects of the Christian life**

**Faith** The ability to believe in God and what He has said in His Bible

**Holiness** Living in according with His guidelines and not be contaminated by the world system Satan rules, rejecting all that Satan offers you or suggests to you

**Hope** in what Jesus has promised you so that you will endure in the battle to the end

**Love** so that you will express His character in all you do for or to Him

**Stewardship** so that you will look after all He gives you both spiritual and physical

**Knowledge** to know what God requires of you

**Wisdom** to apply correctly the knowledge God gives you

**Integrity** to do correctly what God requires you to do

**Thanksgiving** for all He does for you

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These are all aspects of the Christian life which need to be developed and matured int.

**Holy Spirit's Guidance** is given to you to know how God desires these attitudes expressed as well as what God desires you to do in your daily activities and empower you to do them.

### **Importance of obedience To Jesus.**

In chapter 3 of the Book of The Revelation the church of Sardis had members whose names were written in The Book of Life but who were no longer obeying Jesus. In Rev 3:5 they were told to repent of their continued disobedience resulting from their lukewarm attitude to the things of God or their name would be blotted out (removed) from the book of life and they would lose their salvation.

Jesus said in His book of Revelation that you can lose your salvation through deliberately not repenting of disobedience (sin) or through ignoring how He requires you to live.

You are only required to be obedient to what God has been revealed to you and not to what you do not know or others believe you should know or do. In your correct obedience to Jesus is your salvation preserved!

Your level of belief in the things of God will determine the level at which you pursue them or obey them.

### **The three areas of Attitudes**

To God

Worship Him

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Obey Him

Love Him for what He has done for you as the one who has adopted you into His Family

To Jesus as King of The Kingdom of God and the universe

Obey completely

Accept Jesus as Saviour, Redeemer

Accept Jesus as our spiritual step-brother and friend

To everyone else (all relationships must be based on God's quality of Love)

Your family

The Body (fellow Christians)

Non-Christians

These are the attitudes you need to have to relate correctly to God, Jesus and others

The main attitude of Love is expressed to all and has no degree of levels in it. It is just the way it can physically be expressed depends on the relationship and social convention which is why a married woman can have sex and a single woman cannot.

## **Attitudes**

The importance of God's perspective in looking at things!

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You must always try to look at things in the way God looks at things so that you will apply His values and requirements and not be influenced by Satan's way of thinking which is expressed in the world system and its values that are always around you. (Satan makes certain of that)

If you do not know how God's principles and values apply to a situation, then ask The Holy Spirit. He has been sent by God to guide you in all the things you are to do for God as well as to teach you what you need to know to be able to do them (Job 32:8, Jn 16:13, Jn 8:32, Duet 29:29).

A citizen of The Kingdom will always be asking what His Lord requires them to do in a situation.

### **Attitudes to have**

It is important to have God's quality of love. Love in the way He does and you will always do what He requires of you (Jn 13:34-35). This will be the foundation of all our attitudes if we are to express the Character of God in all we do.

You are to submit yourself completely to His Will (Rom 12:1-2)

You are to seek Jesus and His Will in all you do (Col 3:1-2, Matt 6:33).

Your objective should be to seek God's Will in all you do to develop the relationship you have with each member of The Trinity (Matt 6:32-34).

You are to trust His Love, as whatever He allows to happen to you will always be for your best (Rom 8:28).

You must work at your side of the relationship you have with God and seek to maintain the obedience this requires (Phil 2: 14-15). Salvation

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is a personal relationship with God and not just knowledge of Him and His requirements.

Your thoughts must always be pure and wholesome (Phil 4:8, Matt 12:36).

You must always be guided by the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:14, Jn 16:13).

You must serve Jesus in the way He desires you to serve Him, encouraging and helping others to do what He requires of them (Heb 10:24-25).

You must believe God rewards His followers. That all you did for God on earth was worthwhile doing. You must believe it will be all worthwhile and that all the rewards you have in heaven will be worth all you suffered on earth (Heb 11:6.)

You must endure to the end and finish the work God has for you on earth (1 Cor 15:58, Matt 24:13). It is on earth that we learn the attitudes we will use in heaven and it is only as we endure trials to their end that we will learn them as we should and receive rewards for enduring them.

You must realise that when you affect another Christian, you really affect Jesus (Matt 25:40).

The basic altitude is unswerving, loving, obedience to Jesus. Jesus must be ruler of all you do. He does not ask you to obey Him out of fear of going to hell but out of love, appreciation and thanksgiving for what He has done for you.

In John 14:15 He specifically stated:

*“If you love me, keep my commandments.”*

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Love is the basis of all Christian obedience and “Love for Jesus” is the basic attitude for the expression of all other attitudes of the Christian life. After all the Christian life is an expression of the love relationship we have with Jesus.

God’s type of Love shows The Spirit of God’s presence in you and is expressed as: joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance (Gal 5:22-23). It is through these expressions of God’s type of Love to others that God shows His character through you.

### **The attitudes expanded**

Because of what Jesus has done for us, we should submit our self to Him.

*Rom 12:1. I beg you therefore, my brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God because of all do in service to him.*

*2. And do not imitate this world, but be transformed by the renovation of your minds, and you shall distinguish what is the good, acceptable and perfect will of God.*

Jesus redeemed us and paid the price God required to remove from us all the defilement and spiritual punishment for our sins that would have resulted in our going to hell. In other words, He delivered us from going to hell and removed the requirement to sacrifice to God for our sins.

Because of this, we are always able to be in a proper relationship with God so that The Holy Spirit can guide us so we can always approach God and we can continually hear Him.

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Our primary reason for submission to Jesus is the love and thankfulness we have toward Jesus for what Jesus did for us at Calvary as well as what He is doing for us now on earth and will do for us in heaven.

We need to submit to Jesus so we are always where we should be so He can use us and meet our needs and help us along the path He has prepared for us from before creation on which is every good thing He has prepared for us to help us get to heaven and earn the rewards God has for our service there (Matt 6:33, Eph 3:10).

We are told also to focus on the things of Jesus and to reject all that Satan offers us through the world system he controls and which is designed to distract you and guide you away from the things of Jesus as well as to blind you too them so that you will go to hell and be with him.

We need to change our attitudes and thoughts so they are changed from the ways we used to think (based on what we saw in the world around us) to that with Jesus desires us to focus on.

*Coll 3:1. If therefore you are risen with The Messiah, seek that which is above, the place where The Messiah sits at the right side of God.*

*2. Feed on that which is above and not that which is in The Earth,*

*3. For you have died to yourselves and your lives are hidden with The Messiah in God.*

*4. And whenever The Messiah, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.*

We are to focus on the Will of Jesus for us. It is He who is our ruler, who, through Calvary, freed us from the punishment of sin and the bondage Satan had placed us. So, if we are His follower, we will focus

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on His requirements of us and this focus will keep us from doing what Satan desires us to do.

Whatever Jesus is Lord of Satan cannot successfully attack or use against you.

Your mind should be occupied solely with His teachings and His will for you. To focus on the things the world (controlled by Saturn) offers you, is to take your eyes off what Jesus requires of you. So that you may end up disobeying Him in an area or no longer be a follower of Him.

Seeking holiness requires you to focus on Jesus and His Things and to turn away from Satan and his things.

You no longer should be in control of your life's purpose as you have offered it to Jesus to be Lord of. So, that now, your future hope and plans are tied up with the Will of Jesus for you. As you do His Will and bring Him Glory, He also will bring your glory, reflected from the Glory you gave Him. It will also be the life that is best for you although you may not realise it at that time.

*Matt 6:31. Therefore do not be concerned or say, 'What will we eat?', or 'What will we drink?', or, 'What will we wear?'*

*32. For the Gentiles are seeking all these things, but your Father who is in Heaven knows that all these things are necessary for you.*

*33. But seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

*34. Therefore you shall not be concerned about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be concerned for itself. A day's own trouble is sufficient for it.*

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We should always be seeking the will of God and to improve the relationship we have with him. After all Salvation is a relationship and obedience strengthens this relationship. We should not be concerned about our needs as God promises to provide all we need if we focus on His Will and developing the relationship we have with Him. In fact v34 is almost a command not be concerned about the future, which you will not be if you trust completely God's plan and preparation for your life and in this attitude you will be spared the worries people usually have about their future.

If you believe God is perfect Love then you will not worry in any way.

Satan uses his world system to try and distract us from God's Love and provision, so we will worry and be anxious. If we believe in God and His Love for us, Satan cannot get us to do this. We will trust God for our needs and not worry about them or be anxious about anything and when we buy something we will ask God if we really need it removing the problems and time it takes to look after something we should not have. .

Only in this attitude of complete trust in God's Love, Control, Purposes and Plans for us is there true peace and contentment. This is a result of having no anxiety or worry because you know God is in control and whatever happens is for your best.

If Satan can get you to not fully trust God's Love toward you, Satan can torment you. You must trust God completely, or He is not your Lord!

*Phil 4:6. Do not be worried for anything, but always in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be known before God,*

*7. And the peace of The God, Who is greater than every mind, will keep your hearts*

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*1 Peter 5:7. And cast all your cares on God, for he takes care of you.*

We are told to give our fears, worries and anxieties to Jesus to be Lord of as He will deal with them and help you go through them.

If you trust Jesus and His Love, you will ask him to help you. After all, that is what friends are for and Jesus is the best friend you will ever have.

When you wholeheartedly follow Jesus as your Lord, The Father in Heaven adopts you as His spiritual son and then you are not just a friend to Jesus, but He is now your spiritual step-brother through your adoption by The Father.

This is why you need to learn to spend time with Jesus and The Father. After all, who does not want to spend time with their beloved father and brother.

*Rom 8:28. But we know that he helps those who love God in everything for their good,*

*Php 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*

*Php 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*

Remember that God did not need to create you but did so you could relate to Him and He could meet all your needs and joys so His purposes are directed towards this and He does all He can to help you get to heaven where they are in their fullest. That is why we are told by Jesus to seek God and the purposes of His Kingdom (Matt 6:33) as this will

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allow God's purposes to be expressed toward us. So we need to work at maintaining our side of the salvation relationship.

This means you will always trust that God is always working for your best so that you will never complain about what He is allowing to happen to you. You will trust His Love for you in whatever circumstances He allows to happen to you. He is Control of all your circumstances and Satan can do nothing to hinder Jesus in this.

If you love Jesus, you will spend your time developing your side of the relationship. You will take whatever steps are needed to do this.

You will learn whatever you need to learn. You will do whatever you need to do. You will spend with Him whatever time is necessary to do this. And you will do this daily (Acts 17:11).

You will always trust that God is always working for your best so that you will never complain about what He is allowing to happen to you. You will trust His Love for you in whatever circumstances He allows to happen to you. He is Control of all your circumstances and Satan can do nothing to hinder Jesus in this.

This is why we are told by Jesus to seek God and the purposes of His Kingdom (Matt 6:33) as this will allow God's purposes to be expressed toward us.

*Job 32:8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.*

*Jn 16:13. "But whenever The Spirit of The Truth comes, he will lead you into the whole truth, for he will not speak of his own will, but he shall speak whatever he shall hear and he shall reveal the future to you."*

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*Rom 8: 14. For those who are led by The Spirit of God, these are the sons of God*

The Holy Spirit is your guide and is the person God has sent to help you in your Christian life. You will need to be able to hear his guidance and teaching as well as to trust this guidance and teaching. He also loves you and all He does is for your best. So you need to develop your relationship with Him and walk with one spiritual ear always listening to Him (Jn 16:13).

*Phil 4: 8. Therefore, my brethren, those things that are true, those that are honorable, those that are righteous, those things that are pure, those things that are precious, those things that are praiseworthy, deeds of glory and of praise, meditate on these things.*

*Matt 12: 36. For I say to you that every idle word that people will speak, they will give an answer for it in the day of judgement.*

*37. For by your words you will be justified and by your words you will be condemned.”*

Every wrong word you say you will need to explain to Jesus why you said it.

If you are guided by the Holy Spirit, your focus will only be on good things that come from God and not on the things of Satan, which are unholy, and defiled and which anyone that deliberately does them cannot enter the Kingdom of God. You will also express these good things in your life to others.

If you love Jesus, you will only say and do things that promote the King and His Kingdom accepting only thoughts that do this and rejecting all of Satan that would hinder you doing this in your life:

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*Heb 10:24 (LITV) And let us consider one another, to incitement of love and of good works,*

*Heb 10:25 not forsaking the assembling together of ourselves, as is the custom of some, but exhorting, and by so much more as you see the Day drawing near.*

You will also think of how Jesus desires you to serve others. We serve Jesus our King, and He tells us whom He wants us to serve as well as how He desires us when and how to serve them as well as to encourage others like He encourages us.

Remember that the five-fold ministries are gifts to serve people and not to control them.

*Mat 25: 40 And The King answers and says to them, 'Amen, I say to you, as much as you have done to one of these my little brothers, you have done that to me.'*

This is why Jesus says that whatever we do to others we do to Him. They belong to Him and anything we do to any part of His Kingdom we do to Him.

It is Him we obey and show His quality of Love as we serve others. So how we express His type of Love to others is how we affect the demonstration of His quality of Love to them. They are also all children of The Father and what we do to them in a sense we do to Him.

*Heb 11: 6. But without faith, no one can please God, for whoever is brought near to God must believe that he exists and that he is the rewarder of those who seek him.*

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As we serve God, out of Love for Him and those we serve, He has rewards for us. He asks us to believe He will reward us through doing all He said He would do for those who followed Him.

Faith must trust God and part of this trust is in Him rewarding us for this service we do to him, even though He, as a King, does not need to reward us for the things He commands us to do.

Our primary reward is a relationship with God. This relationship results in salvation as well as the release of every good thing God is able to give you (other rewards).

*Matt 24: 13 But whoever will persevere until the end will have life.*

*1Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

He requires us to wholeheartedly try and finish all He asks as too do and to endure all Satan does to us. By this we will show our love for Jesus and that He is our Lord.

He is not interested in our successes but in our attitude to Him and others as we do what He commands us to do.

### **So what are we to do for Jesus?**

We are the representatives of Him and His Kingdom, His mouthpiece on earth, and are to proclaim, teach and demonstrate His Kingdom and its Character on earth to all who do not follow Him or do not know Him personally and serve people to help them get tje.

Jesus said (summarizing His last statements before He rose into heaven).

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*“All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,*

*baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Ghost:*

*Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have  
commanded you*

*And that repentance and remission of sins should be  
preached in My name among all nations, beginning at  
Jerusalem.*

*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he  
that believeth not shall be damned.*

*And these signs shall follow them that believe;*

*In my name shall they cast out devils;*

*they shall speak with new tongues;*

*They shall take up serpents; .*

*and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them;*

*they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover*

*and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the  
world.”*

As you can see, Jesus desires us to tell others about His Love for them, what He has done for them, as well as what He can and will do for them

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as well as teach them how to receive these things and obey Him in the doing of His Will.

If you Love Jesus you will do this for Him.

Do not be concerned if you do not know how to do these things. The Holy Spirit promises to teach you all you need to know to do this and will bring people and information to you to help you to learn about doing this in the way Jesus desires you to do it. All Jesus requires is for you to wholeheartedly desire to learn these things and tell others what you know when He tells you too and to tell others what you do know.

If you are able to do this but do not bother too when Jesus asks you to do it then you risk going to hell, unless you repent and do them. If you do not do it you have rejected Jesus by rejecting what He has asked you to do and He will reject you before His Father unless you repent and do His Will.

If you deny Him or knowledge of Him in any way, you have also rejected Him. Unless you repent and tell others about Him, you will lose your Salvation (Rev 3.5). He will reject you before the Judgement Throne of The Father so that you cannot go to heaven. The only other place you can go to is hell.

There are many people in hell who rejected what Jesus desired of them to do, yet still called themselves Christians (implying they were His followers).

They went to hell for three reasons:

Unforgiveness (Not wanting to reconcile is a part of this usually)

Denying Jesus

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Not giving up a sin they liked to do.

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How you deal with these attitudes is up to you. You have free will and it is your choice what you do with it. So, you will have no one else to blame but yourself if you disobey God and end up in hell.

The race is not to the swiftest, or to the smartest or the most intelligent. It is to those who humbly obey and endure to the end in all Jesus asks them to endure.

If you love people as The Father loves them you will always have before you their eternal destiny and good. And you will always have one ear on the Holy Spirit to see what God desires you to do for them or say to them (if anything).

You do not Minister to all, but only those God desires you to Minister too and then you only say or do what he desires you to say or do for them.

This is why you must always be led by The Holy Spirit. So that you will always be ready to do or say what God desires you to do or say.

## The Role of the King

A king has to guide The Kingdom:

He has to provide for the people of The Kingdom

He has to protect the people of his kingdom

He has to make laws for the people of The Kingdom

He has to enforce those laws (judge the people)

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He also rewards the people of His Kingdom

He promotes the people in His Kingdom

He has to set the example for the people in His Kingdom

The King's primary purpose is to preserve His Kingdom (his area of influence, power and authority) and to seek the welfare of His citizens. To this end, He makes laws and plans that His citizens should obey.

The wise king makes laws and plans that will benefit not only Himself but His Citizens as well.

The will of The King is the will of His citizens, over whom He has power of life and death. When the King summons them, they drop everything and obey Him. Otherwise, they continue on with their daily lives living in accordance with His rules and guidelines. They rarely see their King or appear before Him.

They have no or little idea of his plans so must trust Him for what He does.

## **The Kingdom**

Is the area the king has control over unless he is only a figurehead in that kingdom.

## **The king's duties**

To be a good steward of whatever God has given him to rule.

## **A Citizens Duties**

To obey the king unless the king asks them to do something against the laws of God.

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## **Role of a Citizen of a kingdom**

The role of an earthly citizen is as follows:

He has to defend the kingdom against those who would harm it

He has to defend the name of the king

He has to serve the king

He has to obey the laws of the king when they do not contravene the Laws of God

He has to help others do the work of the kingdom

He is to teach those he needs too about the kingdom

He needs to learn what his king desires him to do

He has to provide for his family from what the king allows him to have

He represents the king, if only by being its citizen

He has to follow the laws of the kingdom.

## **Heavenly Kingdom**

This is pure and undefiled and is not on earth in any form as all in and on earth is defiled. However, on earth it is in the people who have the presence of The Holy Spirit in them who has purified their spirit and made it undefiled which is why demons cannot inhabit their spirit but only their soul.

Christians on earth are ambassadors for The Kingdom to tell others what The King has done for them and help them learn about what the

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king requires of them and of His Love for them. It is called evangelism and discipling.

### **The laws of God override all other laws**

God is the supreme authority in this universe so that His Laws override all other laws made by:

Governments

Denominations

Any associations or groups

Any other law made by man.

You obey the laws of the authority God has placed over you in any area unless they are in conflict with the laws of God.

### **Its King is Jesus**

Jesus is its King and rules all creation except hell which he has given to Satan to rule for a time until it is removed and then all will be under His rule again.

### **Duties of Jesus**

He has no obligatory duties. All He does for The Kingdom He does voluntarily out of Love for it and the people in it and for His desire to be a good Steward of what The Father has trusted Him with.

### **Duties of a Citizen of The Kingdom of God**

To obey Jesus in all He commands and asks them to do as it will be the Will of The Father, ruler of heaven.

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Satan has hidden what it means to have a king and be part of a kingdom so that we will not know how to correctly relate to Jesus and The Kingdom of God so a citizen needs to learn what it means to be a Citizen of The kingdom of God which is why we need to study The Bible as this is the only place that really teaches us this.

### **What does it mean to be a citizen of kingdom?**

A Good Citizen knows he represents his King and acts accordingly. He knows he represents his King by the fact he is a part of The King's Kingdom.

He serves The King and waits upon Him.

He defends The King and The King's principles because in defending The Kingdom he is defending himself.

He proclaims the benefits of being in The Kingdom because The King is so good to him.

He warns those that reject The King of the punishment they will face after their death.

He uses The King's guidelines for determining if someone has rebelled against The King and corrects them in humility where possible.

He loves the Good King because of the benefits The King gives to his people (which includes him).

He hates the enemy who would try and destroy The Kingdom and will go to war with the enemy as often as is necessary to defend The Kingdom and His king.

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He removes those things from The Kingdom that would in any way mar The King's Reign and Kingdom or pollute his life in any way.

He tells others about The King and what the King has done for them.

He does his King's work well knowing he will have to give account of it to The King for anything not done properly or which brings discredit to The Kingdom.

This is not his motivation however, as he serves The King out of love and gratitude for what The King has done for him.

He desires the relationship with his king above all things as he loves his King and knows this relationship will bring the maximum benefit to his King and himself as well as his security and permanence in The Kingdom.

A good citizen of The Kingdom of God loves his King and delights in the relationship with Him and in doing His will.

He is not afraid to give to The King an account of what he does as he has been wholeheartedly faithful in all he has done (what The King requires of him).

He knows that the King does not mind failure if it is done out of the proper attitude to Him and His Kingdom. In other words the person wholeheartedly tried to do the Will of The King but failed in the endeavour.

The King does not look at our results but the attitude in which the work was attempted.

The desire of the citizen of The Kingdom is that all men know his King and the relationship they can have with Him as well as to destroy the

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works of his King's, enemy (the devil). Being a good citizen, he will be found doing the Kings work when he comes.

You may do all the right things to satisfy the church or the requirements of a denomination but still not be a good citizen of The Kingdom of God because you are not obeying The King, only what man says The King requires.

A good citizen delights in the relationship with his King for in it is their happiness, health and future!

### **How does one delight in the relationship with his King?**

They do this by appreciating what The King has done for them, is doing for them and has promised to do for them as well as desiring to be closer to The King in their relationship so they know The King better and can express their love to The King in a deeper and more meaningful way.

A good citizen delights in his King because he loves Him and desires to be with Him as often as he can. He serves The King out of love and in this lies their purpose – to be good citizens of God's Kingdom, serving The King out of love and gratitude for what The King has done, is currently doing and promises to do for them in the future.

After all, the Christian life is an expression of the love relationship we have with each member of The Trinity.

The citizen sells or gives up all he has to obtain The Kingdom it is of so great a value to him. It is the treasure hid in a field, the pearl of great price (value) worth all they have to do to obtain. He knows He is only a steward of what the King gives him to look after for him so He gladly gives up all right to control these things so they can be used for the purposes of The King.

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They realise they are in the enemy territory representing their King and that all will not be easy as the enemy seeks always to destroy them but they trust the Kings protection of them while they live in this enemy territory.

They realise that they cannot take anything with them when they die and that The King has promised to provide all they need when they leave the enemy's territory and go to His Kingdom. They also realise that their rewards in The Kingdom (heaven) is dependent on their correct use of the time and abilities The King has given them as well as the correct stewardship of The King possessions which they have been entrusted with here in the enemy's kingdom.

They do not hoard treasure on earth where it corrupts and decays and cannot be taken with them to their home country (heaven) but use what they have been made steward of by The King wisely, for the good of The Kingdom and have rewards in their home Kingdom instead.

### What does God expect from you?

What follows is an outline of the relationships and responsibilities in a kingdom. We belong to the Kingdom of God and need to know these things in relationship to our King, Jesus.

The main requirement of a servant of a king is complete obedience. If you are not obedient you may find you do not belong to His kingdom.

### **He is a King**

You need to treat Him as one (obey, respect but not worship him). We worship Jesus because He is God and not because He is a king. However, you are to reverence His God-given position as ruler.

You need to serve Him as your king

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You need to know what the king requires of you so that you are able to carry it out.

You need to know your correct relationship to him at all times as well as the responsibilities you are to carry out for him at that moment

### **What is his role?**

He makes the laws we have to obey

He enforces them

He protects the kingdom and its citizens and tells them what to do (rules it)

He meets the needs of his people to live and do his work

### **What roles you have**

You need to know what role you should be doing at any point in time (You do not need to know the king's, plans only your part in it.)

How to carry out each role

What is expected from each role

There are rewards for carrying out these roles correctly

You need to know the environment you are in

You need to understand what is necessary for you to carry out your role:

Problems it causes

How to meet these problems

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What the King has given you to help meet these problems (Holy Spirit)  
You need to know the enemy of the king:

Who he and his representatives are

The battle you are in

Your strategy and weapons as well as his strategies and weapons.

How victory over the enemy is measured

Part of your role is to know what the king has done for you so that you will appreciate him and love him for this and serve him out of love and not out of duty (like his enemies do).

But we are on earth and the Kingdom of God on earth is in us so that there are two aspects to our obedience on earth: The spiritual obedience we need to carry out and its effect in the physical realm of earth.

It is to be remembered that earth is our training ground to learn this obedience and prepare us for heaven so learning how to properly obey should be a focus of all on earth who say they follow the King.

### **Status of The Citizen**

The citizen has only the rights The King gives them and must stay within those limits or face punishment.

They must keep His laws, which means they must know and understand them. To rebel against His rule is death

They must do His will before their own regardless of time, place, inconvenience or difficulty.

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They must believe The King has their best interest at heart or will only serve him grudgingly. The good king will never ask you to do something that does not need to be done for the benefit of yourself and His Kingdom.

They must believe it is worth following Him

They must believe there is no one more worthy to follow

They must discipline themselves to do this

**What does the citizen of The Kingdom do?**

They respect The King

They serve The King

They represent The King

They fellowship with The King

They place the requirements of The King and The Kingdom (which is an extension of The King) above all other requirements they desire and The King above all other people. This is not hard for them to do because of the nature of The King being so beautiful and desirable that they want to be like Him and to spend time with Him.

They serve The King in various areas:

Representing Him as His ambassador

Defending His Kingdom

Promoting the King and His Kingdom

Teaching about Him to others

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Guiding and helping people to join His Kingdom

Encouraging others in The Kingdom to endure in their trials.

Obtaining ground (people) from the enemy for The Kingdom

Serving Him in The Kingdom itself or in the enemy kingdom.

They do not strive for greatness in The Kingdom as it is for The King alone to give. They study to be approved by their King then He promotes them. They realise that greatness in The Kingdom is not obtained by doing great things but being faithful in the daily things The King requires of them. Their daily life is centred on The King's will for them and they consider how it relates to what they are doing as they go around their daily activities:

The husband at work and guiding the family

The wife as a mother and housekeeper, guiding and keeping the household

The children obedient and learning from parents and teacher

Those ministering, ministering doing so out of love and not duty

The leaders having their household in order before helping other Christians

The employers treating their workers in Christian love

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People paying their correct taxes, observing road speed limit and rules and meeting other governmental responsibilities

All spending time to listen to The Kings Counsellor (The Holy Spirit) to hear The King's Will

All relying on their delegated authority, gifts and guidelines (Bible) from The King in their daily life as citizens

All serving each other in unity, desiring only to help each other obtain The Kingdom and to reach their potential as citizens of this Kingdom.

Whenever you do the Will of The King you worship Him and bring Him Glory.

They realise that the salvation relationship offered them is reflected in their role as a citizen of The Kingdom of God. The more they get to know the workings of The King in their life and of His Counselor (The Holy Spirit), the more they love them. The more they love them the more they desire to serve them, spend time with them and learn of them.

The more we identify with The King and His Counselor, the more people will see them in us and their Kingdom in our lifestyle.

**Holiness** is the voluntary state of being separated from The King's enemy and the influence of the enemy's territory in all its aspects.

**Sanctification** is the setting apart of us, by The King, for His purposes.

**Righteousness** is being in a correct relationship with The King.

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**Justification** is the removal, by The King, of every spiritual impediment (sin and its defilement) that would stop us relating correctly with The King.

All this is done so we can enjoy our relationship with The King and His Counselor and joyfully serve them as a result of this relationship.

If you have neither a joyful relationship with The King or serve Him Joyfully, take stock of yourself and see what is hindering you otherwise you will never really be able to serve God to your fullest ability as a citizen of His Kingdom.

The Bible says that we are solely responsible for two things:

The choice of The Kingdom we serve

The rewards we get in His Kingdom when we return home to its home base (Gal 6:7-8).

It is up to you alone. The choice is yours and you must make one! There are no fence sitters in The Kingdom of Heaven but there are many in hell who tried too!

**When you serve The King you also really have the whole Trinity involved!**

Whenever you do anything for The Kingdom of God each member of The Trinity is involved.

The Father gives you what you need

The Lord Jesus as ruler of all protects it

The Holy Spirit as our guide and teacher shows us how to do it and anoints us to do it.

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Each of these three should really be addressed when praying or doing something for The Kingdom. In reality anything we do out of obedience to God is for The Kingdom.

Each should be thanked for their part after the matter is finished.

This is different to talking to them as a friend and as part of the personal relationship we have with each of them. But still they all play a part in this also.

The Father in bringing you into The Kingdom and giving you all you need so that you can have and maintain this relationship

The Lord Jesus protecting it so you can maintain it

The Holy Spirit in helping and guiding you in how to relate and talk to each of them and others in The Kingdom so this relationship is developed.

And each should be thanked in the evening for the day and greeted in the morning and the day given to them to be in charge of.

**Note:**

These must not be legalistically said because they become religious and God may not hear them. They must be said:

Out of your love and for appreciation of each member of The Trinity

As an expression of your relationship with each member of The Trinity

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As a true expression of your faith in The Trinity and as an extension of your Christian life and its faith. The King's requirements are well known to the citizen as they study them so they will not unknowingly or knowingly disobey them.

It is summarized by Mat 6:33. In all you do:

Seek the intimacy of the relationship you have with Jesus

Seek the benefit of His Kingdom in all you do

And God will give you all you need to do this.

As you obey Jesus in all you do you walk on the path He has prepared for you from before the beginning of creation on which are all the good things God has for you to receive, now and in eternity.

The sole purpose of the citizen is to please their King for in doing so He will show his true love for his King and achieve the best that is possible for them self. The citizen does not seek to please The King because of the rewards he receives but out of love for what The King has done for him.

Our King, of course, is Jesus, the Desire of the Ages.

### **The Last commands of Jesus**

Before He ascended Jesus gave the following commands to His Disciples and not just to His Apostles so God expects all Christians to learn how to do these things.:

The first command was for His followers to go into the world (Satan's system and kingdom on earth) and tell people the good news of what He had done for them.

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*Mar 16:15 And he said to them, "Go to the entire world and preach my Good News in all creation."*

Those who would knowingly identify with Him would be publicly baptised to show this.

*Mar 16:16 Whoever believes and is baptised has life, and whoever does not believe is condemned.*

They would demonstrate the Authority of The Kingdom to show it, Jesus. Satan and hell were real.

They would speak in languages that was foreign to them (we call tongues). The only example of this in The Bible is Peter speaking in his own language and being understood by those around them who did not speak his language. What passes as tongues these days does not have an example in The Bible.

*Mar 16:17 But these signs will accompany these who believe: in my name they will cast out demons, and they will speak in new languages.*

They would be protected from harm by Jesus and this would be a further demonstration that He and His Kingdom were real and that they were His servants. They would further demonstrate The Kingdom and Jesus being real through their being used by Him to heal sick people who would not otherwise have been healed by the medicine they had at that time or today.

*Mar 16:18 And they will take up snakes, and if they should drink lethal poison, it will not harm them, and they will place their hands on the sick and they will be healed.*

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Modern Bibles do not have these verses in them or imply they were not in the original. This is a lie as it was in them but were removed before these Greek texts were released to the public.

Telling of what Jesus has done for them (evangelism) is warfare as it fights the lies of Satan.

Casting out demons in the delegated Authority Jesus has given you is spiritual warfare.

Preaching The Kingdom and Who Jesus is and being understood by others who do not know your language (tongues) is warfare as it fights the lies of the enemy and demonstrates Jesus and His Kingdom are real.

His supernatural protection would be seen in those who did these things once again demonstrating that He and The Kingdom are real.

It can be seen that these activities of a Christian are designed to demonstrate that Jesus. His Kingdom and Satan and his demons are real.

Unless you do these things or learning to do these things you are not a follower of Jesus.

So, are doing these things when Jesus commands you to do them or are you not demonstrating that He and His Kingdom are real?

Each second of the day you are in spiritual warfare.

When you obey Jesus and resist the temptations Satan places on you, you are defending the Lordship of Jesus in your life and His Kingdom values.

When you go out and evangelise and fight Satan you are expanding the Kingdom and His influence.

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As you do these things you are developing the personal salvation relationship you have with Jesus and The Father,

It is all based on Love for Jesus. He said:

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Serving Jesus is not done out of legalism – in otherwords He is Lord obey Him or be punished- but out of love for your spiritual step brother so that you desire to help Him in His maintaining His Kingdom and doing its work which is also the work of Your Father in heaven whom you also love!

### **How to present Jesus and His Kingdom - These are important.**

There various other methods to present the Gospel to people:

Tracts, adds or letterbox drops can reach people you do not meet.

Evangelism – gospel presentation to the masses

Personal gospel presentation

Witness by Life – what God is doing in your life and has done in your life

Demonstrating the Authority of The Kingdom over Satan and sickness

You must be a good steward of your evangelistic responsibilities and tell others about Jesus when God asks you to do so.

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## God's Amazing Love

God is complete in Himself and does not need us.

We are irrelevant to His needs.

He did not need to make or give us life. But He did

He did not need to place us in a perfect environment but He did

He did not need to have a relationship with us but He did

When man rebelled, He had every right to destroy mankind. But He did not

He did not need to meet man's requirements for restoration to the relationship man originally had with God. But He did.

He did not need to be born on earth so He could teach us what was required of us. But He did.

He did not need to die in our place to meet God's requirement for restoration. But He did.

He did not need to delegate Authority to us so we could stand against His enemy. But He did

He does not need to provide for our needs on earth and protect us. But He does.

He did not need to give us The Holy Spirit to help us live and serve Him as He requires us to do. But He did.

He does not need to provide a heavenly place for us to live in after death. But He does.

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He does not need to have a relationship with us in this place . But He desires it.

He does not need to give us eternal life there and meet all our needs there. But He does.

He does not need to Love us as He does. But he does because He place such a high value on the relationship He has with you.

He does not need to do these things but He does.

How can you now doubt our Love for you?

**The Basic Message is the expression of God's quality of Love in all you do**

I asked The Holy Spirit what was the chief message of this document (and indeed of the whole Christian life). He said that God is Love and everything He does is a result of His Love for you. Satan tries to make you fearful (negate your understanding of God's Love toward you) or to distract or deceive you so that you cannot see or appreciate God's Love or Purposes for you. He tries to damage you so God cannot use you for His purposes.

If Satan can deceive you about God or distract you from His Will, then you will start to do things which Satan can use to take you further away from God, such as discontent, worry, anxiety, complaining and fear. So, the message God wanted to convey in this section is that He is Love and everything He does toward you is Love. You should not fear what happens as God's Love is in control.

This is the attitude a citizen of The Kingdom should have.

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Whatever you suffer God allows as it helps you become more prepared to live in heaven if dealt with correctly.

It is this love that drives you to the two ministries of guiding people from Satan's realm to God's (salvation) then being used to deliver them from the things Satan has placed on them (deliverance ministry),

### **Examples of God's Love are:**

Sending Jesus to teach you His requirements, then having Him die for each one of you so you could be reconciled with God and relate to God and become citizens of His Kingdom with all the benefits that flow from this citizenship.

Providing all you need to obey and serve Him as well as to live as He requires you too

Accepting you into His Spiritual Kingdom (and Heaven) Delivering you from the kingdom of darkness and its effects on you as well as from the fate of its citizens

Taking you to Heaven when you die to a place He has prepared for you so He can be with you forever

Testing you through trials (which are a sign of His love) to mature you into His Image (of His Character) and to prove to Satan that He is correct in the way He rewards you and gives you authority over Satan.

In Mercy, Punishing/Correcting/Chastising you to turn you from error, rather than destroying or crippling you so that you cannot do anything.

When we sin, there is no flash of lightning and a pile of ash where we stood. But God gently draws us back to Himself and to the relationship we lost through the sin.

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Giving you the privilege of serving Him

Taking a personal interest in you to develop you to the fullest potential you allow Him to so you can live as He requires you to live on earth and prepare you through this to live in heaven.

His giving you The Holy Spirit, to help you to do your part in all these things, as well as much more.

All that God does is an expression of His Love and Grace toward you.

**How Should His Love affect us?**

You need to love others as God loves them and you. It is a command (Jn. 13:34-35) so there is no choice in this. There is no escape clause or other way out of this commandment. It must be obeyed! Deliberately not doing so can result in loss of salvation.

You must understand God's type of Love shown to yourself and others as then you will be able to love as He loves.

Remember that there is only one type of Love and that its physical expression is what is different which depends on culture and the relationship it is being expressed in.

You need to trust God's Love and express this through the principles of Mat 6:33 that, as you, through faith seek a deeper relationship with Him and the expansion of His Kingdom through your unquestioned obedience to His Will, He will protect you and provide all you need to do His work and show His love towards others in all you do.

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## Conclusion

To become a follower of Jesus and thus a Citizen of His Kingdom will cost you all that you have but in return you will gain riches unimaginable in heaven after your physical death.

The Christian life is a choice you make. It is up to you to maintain it and express it in the way God desires you to express it. God will help you as much as you let Him, but ultimately what happens to you is a result of the choices you will make.

Choose wisely because you are in hell an awfully long time if you deliberately make the wrong choices.

*1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

Only as our desires align with The King's will we serve Him as we should and be used for the welfare of The Kingdom and its Citizens.

## Love and The Fruit of The Spirit

Love is an attitude of denying self and its rights to help another to do something they cannot do or need help with. It is not doing for another what they should be doing for themselves.

Its description is found in The Fruit of The Spirit which is how God expresses His Love towards us.

Love is the foundational attitude of Christianity because it is the basic attitude of The Kingdom and is expressed whenever you minister, serve

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or relate to another person otherwise you will not be expressing God in what you are doing.

Expressing God's quality of Love is an act of worship because you show God's Love is worth imitating!

The main attitude of The Kingdom of God is the expression of God's quality of Love which means this is the main attitude we need to learn on earth if we would belong to His Kingdom.

On earth Faith, Hope and Love is required but in heaven only love is left which shows how important it is to develop it on earth in preparation for life in eternity,

God is our example to follow and we should have this attitude in all we do:

To love others with the same quality of love with which God loves them.

To Joy in the spiritual progress and maturity of others and the relationship they have with God and us

To be at peace with all through helping them be at peace with God and through not worrying what happens to us because God has allowed it to happen for our best.

To patiently endure in serving God and others desiring to serve them on behalf of Jesus and be willing to suffer and endure to help them be like He would because we love Jesus and desire others to have the same relationship with Him that we have.

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To show gentleness to all we do because God is gentle with us so that people do not fear us but are attracted to Jesus because they see His quality of Love in us expressed toward them.

To only do good to all people and never evil of any kind so that they see our servant heart and the love in it that only desires what is best for them.

To be humble in all we do not trying to control others but treating them as equals and as worth knowing and not as inferiors, because they are all children of the Father and should be treated as such (Gal 3:28).

To do all things in moderation so that people see our lives are not controlled by possessions or activity but that we use what we have for the purposes of God and are not driven by the world and its peer pressure to conform to it.

By these we show Jesus is worth following no matter what happens. Because we trust Him and His love for us regardless of what happens to us.

As we do these things we show God is worthy to be followed and the demonstration of the Fruit of The Spirit in our life becomes an act of worship and praise to the Father and to Jesus!

Unless you see God's Heart for people you will not love them as He does and so not love them as you should and will not serve them out of a pure Love for them. You also will not fully see how much He Loves you.

So we need to learn about God and His Love for us and to draw ever closer and intimately with Him to know His heart of Love for us and others so that we can respond out of Love for Him and obey and serve Him out of the quality of Love He has for us and others.

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To know His love you must experience it and know you have experienced it and this is where The Holy Spirit helps you by showing you this. As you trust Him more you develop a greater love for Him and He can show and reveal more of His Love toward you.

**God’s Love defined in The Bible in the two main passages that describe it**

<b>Aspect of Love</b>	<b>1 Cor 13:4-7</b>	<b>Gal 5:22,23</b>
Kind	v4	V22 Gentleness
Patient	v4	V22 Long-suffering
Not Jealous	v4	
Not Boastful	v4	
Not Proud	v4	V23 Meekness
Not Rude	v5	
Not Selfish	v5	V23 Temperance
Not quick tempered	v5	
Not keep a record of other	v5	
Rejoices in the truth	v6	V22 Joy
Does not rejoice in evil	v6	V22 Goodness
Is Always supportive	v7	
Loyal	v7	
Hopeful	v7	V22 Faith
Trusting	v7	
Never fails	v8	

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Peace		V22 Peace
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One would think two passages describing God's quality of Love would agree or be identical. But it can be seen that the terms used are approximate so that you really need to look at both lists to get an overview of what God's Love is like according to The Bible.

God's type of Love in summary expresses itself as the fruit of The Spirit.

In summary you could say that:

Love is the result of an active belief in God has said and what He has promised people.

It expresses itself in selfless service and seeking only what God desires a person to seek.

It trusts God in all that happens so it is never troubled by circumstances and

It obtains its worth from what God thinks of them so is never defending whom they are as a person so can accept others as they are.

This means they can express the Character of God in them as they do not need to prove who they are to others as they know their worth because of their relationship with God.

This is attitude is obtained by seeing God's Love, care, provision, plans for them and protection of them through spending time with Him and experiencing these things as they serve Him.

To express the Character of God then you must remove self and its needs so that only God's quality of character flows through you in all

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you do. This can only be done through self-discipline and studying what God's Character is like and applying it to your life which God helps you to do through trials and suffering as He builds your faith up so that you will try to be like Him character wise.

You would be like God then learn to love like God.

### **God allows trials for five purposes:**

Trials are a sign of His Love.

To show Satan we are worthy of the ministry God has called us too or are doing at that time. This is when Satan is allowed to test us usually in a way that tests us too our limits maturing us and preparing us for a ministry:

To mature us to a greater level so God can use us more

To draw us back to the path we were on prepared by God from before creation but have now diverted off. Repentance of our wrong activity or attitude is necessary attitude for this to occur.

As an example, to encourage others in suffering by the way we deal with suffering.

As part of His preparing us for heaven

The way we deal with trials can be an example to others encouraging them to face their trials and if dealt with correctly will bring Glory to God and His Kingdom.

Only as we endure and fulfill the test God is putting us through will we be matured and prepared the way He needs us to be for the ministry He is preparing us for now and/or for heaven. When we pass the trials that do this for us, Jesus will declare before Satan that we are worthy of

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what He is to give to us to do and Satan will not be able to complain about our ministry authority.

Trials are a sign of God's Love for us so that we should never complain about the trials we are going through. To do so is to doubt His Love.

After all, He does all for us out of His Perfect Love for us. So that there is really nothing to complain about.

*When God wants to drill a man,  
And thrill a man,  
And skill a man  
When God wants to mold a man  
To play the noblest part;*

*When He yearns with all His heart  
To create so great and bold a man  
That all the world shall be amazed,  
Watch His methods, watch His ways!*

*How He ruthlessly perfects  
Whom He royally elects!  
How He hammers him and hurts him,  
And with mighty blows converts him*

*Into trial shapes of clay which  
Only God understands;  
While his tortured heart is crying  
And he lifts beseeching hands!*

*How He bends but never breaks  
When his good He undertakes;  
How He uses whom He chooses,  
And which every purpose fuses him;*

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*By every act induces him  
To try His splendor out-  
God knows what He's about.  
– Anonymous*

## **Preparation for heaven (where The Kingdom is)**

Life is not just service to God. Through this service and the trials associated with them, God prepares us for life in heaven with Him. We need to develop on earth the attitudes we will have in heaven as part of the preparation for living in heaven.

In heaven you no longer need to demonstrate the authority of The Kingdom of God over Satan and his works. What is left is how you demonstrated the love of God to others and the values of The Kingdom.

So, on earth, the primary lesson is on how to demonstrate God's type of love to God and others. The authority of The Kingdom being just one of the ways you demonstrate God's type of Love in you as you use it to minister to others.

## **How do they live in The Kingdom of heaven?**

All are driven by love for Jesus and for each other and each serve each other in love. Speaking no harsh or rejecting words and finding nothing too trivial or humbling for the purposes of serving another.

There is respect for each other and there is no race or social hierarchical structure. All are equal in ministry, whether male or female. No one is in control of another but mentor them and serve them in the way Jesus asks them to serve the other.

This is our pattern for ministry upon earth and relating in the way God desires us to relate to each other.

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God owns everything in heaven so there is no ownership of things or a striving to own things. All are stewards of all that is in heaven as well as what God gives them specifically to be stewards of and they gladly give to another something they are steward of when God says to do so. There is no money in heaven so there is no crime or pursuit of things for the purposes of self-esteem or security. God is their self-esteem and their protection.

We need to serve here as they do in heaven and have the same attitudes they have if we are to prepare here for our life in heaven.

### **God loves you as you are**

God is a God of Love. If He did not love you as you are, He would be a hypocrite.

He knows your potential and seeks to develop you so that you will reach it and be the Citizen of the Kingdom that you are able to be.

It is ironic that, when in a trial, He seems so far away and uninvolved. But He is honing you and using the circumstances to make you a better and a more useful citizen of His Kingdom.

It is said that the gardener is most near when he is pruning.

The Christian life is really God helping you to reach your full potential as a citizen of the Kingdom, to prepare you for a better life in eternity with Him.

The mark of a Christian is that in everything they do, they demonstrate God's quality of Love.

Your life objective, should be to know the Will of The King, Jesus, and to carry it out in His quality of Love.

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This will result in the maintenance of your salvation relationship with Jesus and The Father as well as your continual maturing and preparation for life in heaven.

When you look at the visions of hell Jesus has given people you will see Jesus point out many in hell who called themselves Christians, but who did not do what Jesus required of them.

To be a follower of a person you must practice what they teach as well as do what they require of you.

Unless you are doing wholeheartedly or at least wholeheartedly trying to do what Jesus requires of you. Then you are not following Jesus and will suffer the fate of all those that do not follow Jesus. You will not be a citizen of His Kingdom so have no right to enter it.

### **Stewardship.**

The Christian life is a life of stewardship. What God has given you to be steward of you must protect from Satan. The best way to do this is too:

Firstly make sure that Jesus is Lord of every aspect of your life including that which He has given you to be steward of which you are to use only for the purposes of His Kingdom.

Secondly to attack every Demon that is attacking you or things you are steward of, regardless of the area they are attacking.

This means you need to:

Know what God has made you steward of before you can defend it.

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Know what you need to do to defend the things God has made you steward of. The delegated Authority of Jesus is sufficient for this defence of what God has given you to be steward of.

Not to defend what you are steward of is disobedience to God. If you do not defend it Satan can damage it, destroy it or take it from you.

Remember! Satan's purpose is to destroy you and what you are steward of so that it cannot be used by The Kingdom of God.

### **What is the work of The Kingdom?**

The work of a Citizen of The Kingdom of God can be summarized as follows:

Serve its King Jesus, which is expressed in serving others on His behalf.

Evangelism which is rescuing people from the kingdom of darkness

Deliverance which is removing the damage the king of darkness did to a Person before they became a Christian

Defend the Kingdom (Which includes the Character of God, His Laws, His people and property of The Kingdom) which is called spiritual warfare

Train people to do these things and be a good citizen of The Kingdom which is called discipling

Encourage each other in this which is called fellowship

Express the Character of The King in all you do which is called The Fruit of The Spirit.

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The basic character behind everything is God's quality of Love and its expression in all they do. After all, the Christian life is the expression of the love relationship you have with God and the quality of Love you have with God will be the quality of love you express to others otherwise you are hypocritical.

Its guidebook is The Bible and The Holy Spirit is its interpreter and their guide in all they do.

**The mission statement of Jesus (and so the purposes of The Kingdom) was as follows:**

*(Luk 4:18-21) The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because*

*he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;  
he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted,  
to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to  
the blind,  
to set at liberty them that are bruised,  
To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*

*And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the rabbi, and  
sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue  
were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day  
is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.*

As a follower of His we should be doing what He did on earth as He demonstrated The Kingdom of God for all to see.

His example was as follows (Matthew 4:23):

*And Jesus went about all Galilee, (the area He was in at the  
time)*

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**teaching** in their synagogues, (*Taught the followers of God*)

and **preaching** the gospel of the kingdom, (*What The Kingdom of God was all about*)

*delivering people from the effects of Satan on them*

*and healing all manner of sickness (short term sickness)*

*and all manner of disease among the people (long term chronic).*

This is what our objectives should be!

Jesus will help you in this as He said that anyone who wanted to know what to do to serve Him would be taught by The Holy Spirit.

*(Joh 16:13) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

*But you must be desiring and willing to do His Will for Him to be able to teach it to you.*

*Jn 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.*

The last words of Jesus to His people can be summarized as follows:

*"All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth:*

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations I have risen,*

*Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

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*Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you*

*And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in My name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*

*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

*And these signs shall follow them that believe;*

*In my name shall they cast out devils;*

*They shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents;*

*And if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover*

*And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."*

These actions will be observable in the life of a follower of Jesus and a citizen of The Kingdom of God when Jesus requires them to be done.

Another of the signs of our being a follower of Jesus is our love for Him expressed in the way we:

desire to spend time with Him,

Live in obedience to His Will for us as well as

Express His love to others around us.

Salvation results in The Holy Spirit's presence in us helping us in this:

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*Joh 14:15-16 Jesus said to his disciples: If you love me, you will do as I command. Then I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help you and always be with you.*

*Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

**Note:** all truth and not just spiritual truth.

Obedience to Jesus will result in The Kingdom of God being exhibited in and through our lives and we will demonstrate it as He commanded us too in Mark 16:17-18. Jesus said the signs in these verses would be performed by His followers:

They shall cast out devils;

They shall speak with new tongues;

They shall take up serpents and not be harmed by them;

And if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them;

They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover

They will show God's quality of love in all they do

They will defend God and His things at any cost

Note these commands were in the Vaticanus Sinaiticus before they were published but were deliberately omitted before publication so that they were not in the Greek used for modern versions. Thus, the lie being promoted that they were not in the original Greek texts.

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They had used Greek texts for the translation that had been influenced by Satan to remove the one chief weapon we have against him. One wonders what other things he has influenced in it.

We will be rewarded for our obedience and one of the requirements of faith is that we must believe God will reward us for our loving service of Him:

*Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.*

We must endure to the end to receive the reward and not be concerned about dying in the service of Jesus. Remember that in death a Christian gains everything they live for!

*1 Cor 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

*Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

*Matt 24:13, But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*

Remember that evangelism is really telling people why they need Jesus as well as what Jesus has done for people in the kingdom of Satan to deliver them from this kingdom as well as how He has affected your life as a result of your accepting what He has done for you and can do for them.

If you love others with the same quality of Love that Jesus Loves them with you will go and tell others what He has done for them so they can

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enjoy what you have received as a result of your accepting what He has done for you. To not do this shows you are hypocritical or fearful and need training and/or deliverance to do these things.

You must endure to the end to keep your salvation:

*(Mat 10:22) And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endures to the end shall be saved.*

To persevere in these things, you must believe they are worthwhile doing.

Remember that trials are a sign of His Love as He uses them to mature you to His character or guide you back to where you should be. or to show you are worthy of the ministry He is giving you or has given to you but mainly to prepare you for heaven and bring Him Glory by how you deal with them.

*(Rev 3:19) As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.*

The key to victory is Lordship – the putting of the things of Jesus before your own values and purposes and to be faithful to His requirements of you until you die:

*Rev 12:11 (ERV) They defeated him by the blood sacrifice of the Lamb and by the message of God that they told people. They did not love their lives too much. They were not afraid of death.*

You must hold that what God desires you to do as being more important than your own life and its purposes (this is how you pursue holiness).

*Mar 8:35-37 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall*

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*gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*

*(Mat 10:3) Those who try to gain their own life will lose it; but those who lose their life for my sake will gain it.*

*Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*

You must offer yourself to Jesus to use and focus on His Things (Col 3:1-3).

*Rom 12:1-2 (ESV) Dear friends, God is good. So I beg you to offer your bodies to him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing. That's the most sensible way to serve God. Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him.*

*Col 3:1-2 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

God promises to supply all you need in this life for those who seek to be in a correct relationship with him as well as be used by Him in the expansion of His Kingdom:

*Mat 6:31-34 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take*

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*thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof*

He also promises to never test you above what you can cope with:

*1Co 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

To become a follower of Jesus will cost you all that you have but in return you will gain riches unimaginable in heaven after your physical death.

The Christian life (Citizenship in heaven) is a choice you make. It is up to you to maintain it and express it in the way God desires you too. God will help you as much as you let Him, but ultimately what happens to you is a result of the choices you will make.

Choose wisely because you are in hell an awfully long time if you deliberately make the wrong choices.

*1Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

Some advice from Jesus He gave me about The Kingdom  
This morning Jesus started to speak to me about The Kingdom and things in regards to it.

He said that:

*He judges you by how you related to Him and not how you related to the minister/priest, church or denomination and whether or not you*

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*wholeheartedly tried to obey him. He does not look at results but the heart attitude and in the way His things were done or not done.*

*He said many Christians are in hell because they would not forgive another and would not reconcile to another because of unforgiveness in their heart.*

*Many Christians were also in hell because they would not give up a sin so that He was not their Lord. If you deliberately withhold anything from the Lordship of Jesus, He is not your Lord.*

*The expression of His quality of Love should be behind everything you do or it is not of His Kingdom but of your flesh. In everything that happens to us we should appreciate that God's Love is working in it for our best. This is why we should be thankful whatever happens to us and not complain about what happens to us. Complaining about it is questioning His Love for you.*

*Complaining about something is different to expressing the longing of your heart.*

*What your focus is on shows what is in your heart and which king you serve. God's Love must be expressed in all you do or your actions are not of Him (or at least wholly tried to be expressed).*

*To serve Him correctly you must also relate to and serve The Father and The Holy Spirit correctly.*

*Spiritually you belong to The Body of Christ's followers and to the communion of saints and not to a legal body like the church, a religious order or denomination. Until you see this you will not relate to and fellowship with other Christians correctly.*

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*You are a steward of all God gives you authority over: ministry, His Things, family and children, property, employment, your mind, soul, body and flesh, all He has given you to be a steward of, and will have to give an account of this stewardship to God when you die and face Him, as we all must do.*

*If you believe in who Jesus is He said you will:*

*Evangelise*

*Disciple*

*Do deliverance*

*Fight His battles (Spiritual warfare)*

*Do healing*

*Encourage and support each other emotionally, physically, spiritually, mentally and financially*

*Defend His Name, Laws, morals and things of His Kingdom*

*Represent The Kingdom*

*Teach The Kingdom*

*Love The Kingdom and serve it in all else you do*

*Do all He commands you to do.*

So, remember that when you serve Jesus you also serve The Kingdom and bring Glory and Honour to Him.

The main thing is to wholeheartedly try to do these things God asks you to do and not necessarily succeed in them. It is up to God what happens and not you so as long as you wholeheartedly try to serve and obey Him you do not need to be concerned about the results of what you have done.

At times He will ask you to do things knowing you will fail. But He uses it for His purposes. One of His purposes is to show the evil in another who stops His Will from happening so that Jesus is righteous in judging that person.

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Stewardship is so important that Satan's first attack on people was to do with correct stewardship not being met by Adam over Eve and the Tree. Adam did not protect the tree and allowed Satan to go to the tree to meet her and also did not protect Eve so that she went to the tree where Satan could tempt her

This is why the first sin was attributed to Adam and not eve.

Remember that you are also a steward of God's things and will have to give an account to God for how you carried out your stewardship.

Your relationships are all a form of stewardship so how you care for these relationships and the way you relate will also be judged by God.

Whatever you do to anything that belongs to His Kingdom: persons, property, knowledge or wisdom about it, you do it also to The King because it affects His Kingdom which is an expression of His rule. How you treat His Kingdom and all that is in it is an expression of your stewardship and Love for The King.

Love and its expression (The Fruit of The Holy Spirit) should be the natural expression of your character. These are the natural expression of a citizen of The Kingdom of God.

It is what you believe in your heart that matters and not what you say or reason you should believe.

Unless hell and Satan are preached and the Authority of The Kingdom is demonstrated there is really no incentive to follow Jesus and be a disciple of His for those who are not Christians.

Unless the Authority of the Kingdom is demonstrated there is really no proof it and Jesus and it exists.

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The Holy Spirit has a very important part to play in our lives while we are on earth so I have written a separate book about it.

### **In summary**

A citizen is to render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's. So many Christians are in hell for deliberately not obeying the laws of the land like keeping the speed limit or paying the correct taxes.

In other words, do what God says and what the king of the land says if it does not contravene what God says.

### **Concluding remarks**

According to how you fulfill your role as a Citizen of The Kingdom of God will be determined your salvation and your rewards so you need to learn how to fulfill this role in the way God desires you to fulfill it because your eternal future depends on it.

Your relationship with each member of God's Trinity will determine how you fulfill this role so this needs to be worked at also.

How you fulfill your role as a Christian will determine how you fulfill your role as a Citizen of The Kingdom of God.

It is to be remembered that salvation is an intimate relationship with Jesus and The Father guided by The Holy Spirit and the objectives of the Christian life are really only two:

Develop your relationship with God so you will exhibit His Character and proclaim His Love. After all God is Love and if you love Him you will exhibit His character and serve Him as a Citizen of The Kingdom of God in the way He desires you to serve Him out of love for and appreciation of what He has done for you.

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Only you can do this in respect of yourself and you will have only yourself to blame if you do not get to heaven.

## The Christian on earth – A summary

There are two kingdoms

The Kingdom of God in heaven

The kingdom of Satan on earth and under the earth

Earth is where they interact.

You need to know your relationship to both kingdoms

You are either serving one or the other, either by

By obeying one of the kings

By rejecting the rule of one of the kings

By being indifferent or careless about the requirements of the King of heaven

The king you serve when you die is the one whose kingdom you go to after death

The home base of a citizen is The Kingdom of heaven

It is where the King is

The King and His authority are based there

It is where the administration of the Kingdom is

It is where His army and servants are based

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It is where our final resting place and rewards are

It is also where true treasure and rewards are

It is where the moral laws of the universe (and earth) are made

The laws of The King override the moral laws of earth

His Laws must be obeyed on earth

Earthly laws made by authority God has allowed over you must be obeyed unless they go against the laws of God

You are born on earth

You are born in enemy territory

You are at war from birth with the enemy of The King, Satan

You either fight him or are controlled by the him in some way

Any rebellion needs to be repented of (stopped) or you go to the kingdom of His enemy (Satan) when you die

Earth is the only place we can be born

Earth is the training ground for heaven

Your obedience on earth prepares you to live in heaven

Your obedience brings Honour and Glory to the King

Your obedience shows you which king you belong too

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Sin (disobedience) is deliberately rejecting a law of God that needs to be obeyed on earth. Either:

God's moral law

Laws of the land that do not go against God's Laws

Only way we can be born is physically - hell and heaven are spiritual realms where birth does not occur.

If there had been no fall, we would not suffer the consequences of being born in a world that is not ruled by God but by His enemy. Such consequences such as:

Sin and its consequences in the physical realm

Defilement in the spiritual realm so that we cannot enter heaven

The decay of our body

Being involuntarily at war with the enemy

Losing all we have on earth when we die as it belongs to a defiled world

Being separated from God personally

We need to be redeemed to be restored to a relationship with God

You were redeemed by Christ at Calvary

Redemption removes barriers we had separating us from relating God

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Redemption allows a 24/7 relationship with God

You need to obey God to go to heaven

**Role on earth**

We do the work of a citizen

We represent The Kingdom - Ambassador

We attack God's enemy - Spiritual warfare

We demonstrate the reality of Jesus and His Kingdom through demonstrating His Authority granted to us over Satan and his works.

We defend The Kingdom - Defender of the realm

We proclaim The Kingdom - Teach about it and its requirements

We serve The King - You are His servant because you are His citizen

We encourage and help others to live as The King desires us to live

You are also an Example of how The King desires His Citizens to live

Your Life demonstrates how to obey The King

You demonstrate the King's authority over the enemy king and his kingdom by:

    Casting out Satan

    Rescuing people from Satan's kingdom through evangelism

    Removing Satan and the damage he has done to people and objects through the deliverance ministry

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Destroying the work Satan has done and his plans for things through spiritual warfare

Holy Spirit is given to us

To guide us how to live as a citizen of The Kingdom of God

To give us understanding of the Things of God

To anoint us (mark us out for specific service)

To give us power us to demonstrate The Kingdom of God

### **Your Leaving earth**

There are only two ways to leave earth

The Rapture - a once only special event

Death: Normal event for all of us that removes us from the earth

We must accept we may die doing the work of The Kingdom of God

Death is the way we are relieved of a body that cannot inherit eternal life or enter The Kingdom of God. It is also the way a true Christian obtains everything they live for.

You go to heaven or hell after death

Absolute obedience to Jesus is required to get to heaven (no deliberate unrepented sin or unforgiveness - the main causes of going to hell)

We must live as if your next breath or step could be your last so that you are always focused on Jesus and His Will

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Remember that the enemy spends all our life trying to get us to follow him and go to be with him in hell and he has had 6000 years to practice doing this

We need to be guided by The Holy Spirit to know when Satan is attacking and how to avoid giving in to his attacks.

God promises us that there will always be a way to avoid doing what the devil desires us to do (1 Cor 10:13)

### **Home base**

Heaven

This is our true home

Redemption removes all that sin did to us that stopped us getting to heaven

There are major differences in heaven to life on earth

No demons

No decay or degeneration

No money, banks or taxes

No illness or medical profession

A new perfect body that never dies or degrades in any way

All is perfect and in place - no disorganisation

God's type of Love rules and not self-interest

You are with God personally and not separated from Him by being on earth

Faith no longer is necessary

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Hope no longer is necessary

All serve each other selflessly

Love alone is necessary

## Conclusion

### **We need to know our relationship to both kings**

The Bible has been given us to know this so we need to study it

The Holy Spirit has been given to us to help us understand The Bible and to guide us to live as God desires us too

God promises to give us all we need to obey Him if we wholeheartedly try to obey Him and do the work He desires us to do for Him

You will have no one else to blame but yourself if you do not make it to The Kingdom of Heaven.

Only as you live on earth as a Citizen of The Kingdom of heaven will you be prepared for living there.