

MONDAY

Jesus came to bring The KINGDOM!

Matthew 4:23 (NIV)

*Jesus went throughout Galilee...proclaiming the **good** news of **the kingdom**, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.*

As Jesus began His ministry on earth, we are told that He came to tell us about a NEW Kingdom - the KINGDOM OF GOD! And we are told this is **good** news. **Very good** news in fact, because we see that Jesus backed up His Words with great goodness and kindness and power by healing people of all kinds of terrible sicknesses and diseases! As we follow the story of Jesus through the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, we see that Jesus healed leprosy, blindness, the paralyzed, the lame, uncontrolled bleeding, deadly fevers and much more. He even brought Lazarus and Jairus' daughter back from death!

TUESDAY

Jesus describes THE KINGDOM as a wonderful treasure!

Matthew 13:44

*[Jesus said] "The Kingdom of Heaven is **like treasure** hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."*

"Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."

Obviously Jesus is clueing us in that the Kingdom of Heaven is something very great and wonderful!

What is this wonderful Kingdom that Jesus came to bring?

And how can we be a part of it?!

WEDNESDAY

Relationship with the KING!

The first wonderful benefit of being a part of The Kingdom of God is something amazing--a relationship with the KING! The KING of ALL POWER and MIGHT! THE KING of ALL the Universe! The CREATOR of EVERYTHING! THIS KING says to us:

Jeremiah 31:3

*Yea, **I have loved thee with an everlasting love**: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.*

John 17:3

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

This KING wants to be to us a loving and faithful, never-failing Heavenly FATHER!

Galatians 4:6

*God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "**Abba, Father.**" (Abba means daddy or papa. This KING wants to be OUR HEAVENLY DAD!)*

Ephesians 2:19

*Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and **members of God's household.***

Psalm 36:5-9 ***Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies***
Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep.

THURSDAY

Promises for Children of THE KINGDOM!

When we are adopted into God's family, we are given many great and precious **promises**! The KING promises to help us with all our needs, to provide, to protect, to comfort, to care for, to defend, to deliver. In coming weeks we will begin to look at some of the many great promises for citizens of the Kingdom of God. Here are just a few:

Romans 8:31

If God be for us? Who can be against us?

Philippians 4:19

*And **my God shall supply all your needs**, according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things** [that are God's will for me] **through Christ who strengthens me.

Psalm 32:7

***You are my hiding place; you will protect me** from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.*

FRIDAY

How can we enter THE KINGDOM and when?

John 3:3-5

*Jesus replied "Very truly I tell you, **no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again**...Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit."*

Everyone who has repented of their sin, asked God's forgiveness and received a new heart and new life in Christ is part of the Kingdom. This is what it means to be born again.

Only those who are born again will go to Heaven to live in The Kingdom forever when they die, but we can also start living in the Kingdom now! The abundant life Jesus promised begins **now** for citizens of The Kingdom.

Luke 17:20-21

[Jesus told them] "The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say 'Here it is,' or 'there it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst."

LIFE CLUB KEY VERSE

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have LIFE, and have it to the FULL.

God's promises are for those who have recognized their need to be made right with God and asked His forgiveness, received a new heart and received new life in Christ. This is being saved or born again. **When we are saved, we are adopted into God's forever family and the way is opened to us for a close and intimate relationship with the Lord and King of All! We receive the precious gift of eternal life and become recipients of all the Lord's great and precious promises to help us through this life and help us have the abundant life the Lord desires for us! This is what His Word says:**

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 1:12

Yet to all who did receive Him...He gave the right to become children of God—

II Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: The old has gone, the new is here!

You can pray now to be saved if you have not done this. "Dear Lord Jesus, I need to ask for your forgiveness for all the ways I have ignored your commands, disobeyed you, hurt and harmed others, and messed up. I am sorry Lord and I thank you that you died on the cross for my sins to save me and to make me a part of your family forever! Would You forgive me and come into my life right now to be Lord of my life and give me a new heart? Would you place your spirit in me and help me to obey you? Thank you for all you have done for me! Amen."

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The Kingdom