

LESSON THREE JESUS BRINGS THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM DOWN TO US

Why did Jesus come down upon this earth? What was He trying to show us? What did He achieve for each one of us? What did He bring with Him? This is such a very important subject, that I am writing it more as a bible study with many scriptures for you.

Jesus brought with Himself "The Kingdom of Heaven", a new way for each one of us who will receive it. He did far more than to die for our sins, **He died in our place through His death, so that we could enter into His life and the Kingdom of Heaven in every way.** The great things that Jesus attained for us on the cross are more completely described by Derek Prince in his book "Life Changing Spiritual Power" which I highly recommend to you.

Yes **He was punished for our sins so that we may be forgiven.** Because we are already born into our sin, we became separated from God because of our sin. God's plan was to send Jesus into this earthly kingdom to restore that relationship that had separated the kingdoms. This alone is an enormous thing that He did for us, as none of us could possibly do this on our own. Without God we are trapped in our sins, with no chance of getting free from them on our own, no matter how hard we try. BUT GOD did something about it. He sent His only begotten Son to set us free on the cross.

Jesus who knew no sin, was made sin on the cross while carrying our sins upon Himself. He did this, so that through our choice in coming to Him to ask His forgiveness, we could then enter into His righteousness. Not our righteousness through good works, but His righteousness which is totally pure. Righteousness is one of the attributes of God. We are speaking about His purity of character, His perfection, which would enter into this earthly Realm. The amazing thing is Jesus came down to earth and through His death and resurrection He carried our unrighteousness (ungodliness) and gave us **His very own robe of righteousness.** When the God the Father looks at us, he sees Jesus' robe of righteousness. (He could not look upon us in our earthly ungodliness) but now we, as believers, as kingdom citizens, are to walk out our Christian life's in righteousness and Godly character.

Then because the wages of sin is death, He died in our place upon the cross, so that we could receive His eternal life, everlasting life.

Not only that, **He was wounded so we may become healed,** "By His stripes we are healed" There are many sicknesses that the doctors cannot heal. I will never forget the lady who was paralysed by a stroke and could not speak for 22 years in Port Harcourt in Nigeria. After only two minutes of prayer, this lady could suddenly walk and as she walked she became stronger. She then opened her mouth saying "Thank your Jesus, thank you Jesus." And as she spoke out for the first time in 22 years, the people shouted out their praise to God and every sick person there was healed.

These are the three basic things Jesus suffered on the cross for, to set us free from the three curses that the devil brought upon mankind through Adam and Eve's decision to disobey God and eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Sin, sickness and death. All three are bondages, but Jesus died that we may be set free from them.

But Jesus did more than that,

Jesus also endured extreme poverty on the cross, He was hungry as he had had no food since the last supper. He was thirsty and said so and He was stripped naked on the cross. **He suffered this poverty, so that we could be blessed by His abundance.** Poverty is also from the Kingdom of darkness, whereas abundance is from the Kingdom of Heaven.

I have worked a lot in different countries in Africa. Apart from teaching the Gospel Message, I also teach them how to grow vegetables God's way. I noticed, first in Ghana that when a village turned to Christ, that their vegetables, goats, chickens and everything they put their hand to do became blessed. I saw firsthand a village being set free from poverty to come into abundance. As I then helped other villages to know Christ in other African countries, the same thing happened. As people turned from their sins, ancestral worship, witch doctor curses, etc etc, God turned their whole poverty of failed crops and barrenness into His abundance. Their crops became so blessed that they had surplus to give or sell to others and in doing so shared their new found faith in Jesus with others.

Jesus also endured our shame that we may become free from it, to enter into His glorious Heaven clothed In Him. Dying on the cross was the most shameful way, kept for the lowest of criminals.

"He endured the cross, despising the shame..." (Hebrews 12:2)

How could anyone go into Heaven carrying shame? BUT GOD did something about it through sending His own Son Jesus to do something about it for us on the cross. Jesus wants to set us free from any and all shame that we may carry. Just give it to Him and become free.

Jesus also suffered our rejection on the cross so that we could become accepted by His Father. A lot of us have suffered rejection. When we suffer rejection from other people, then we also believe we will become rejected by God Himself. This is the most horrible place to be in, BUT GOD did something about it through His Son Jesus on the cross.

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" That is, my God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Jesus, when he had cried out again with a loud voice, yielded up his spirit. Matthew 27; 46-50

Here Jesus had been rejected by His own Father, who could not look upon the sin of the whole world that he was carrying at that moment. But that moment of rejection that Jesus had to endure for us, was so that we could pass from our own rejection to become fully accepted by His Father. As Jesus yielded up His Spirit to God, so the curtain in The Holy of Holies was torn from top to bottom so that we could all enter in.

Jesus was therefore made a curse in every way on the cross, so that we could enter into His blessings.

In Deuteronomy the curses of breaking the law were humiliation, barrenness, unfruitfulness, mental and physical sickness, family breakdown, poverty, defeat, oppression, failure and God's disfavour. All these curses come from the kingdom of darkness.

But God also said,

See, I have set before you this day life and good, and death and evil: In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgements, that you mayest live and multiply:

Deuteronomy 30; 15-16

This was spoken about keeping the law of Moses, but only Jesus could truly set us free of every curse of sin and brings us into every blessing, and this He did on the cross.

Forgiveness, healing and eternal life are the greatest gifts and blessings, that eliminate the three curses of sin, sickness and death.

Not only that, but the further blessings mentioned in Deuteronomy are blessings to overtake you. Joy, reproductiveness, prosperity, victory, abundance, health, Gods favour. All these blessings come from the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus secured every one of them for us on the cross.

What Jesus did on the cross for us ushered upon all of us who accept Him as Lord and Saviour, the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus came upon mankind with the Kingdom of Heaven and this He preached wherever he went. This is because it is so important that we are transferred out from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Heaven.

John the Baptist was the first to preach on the Kingdom of Heaven, but he was then put in prison for preaching the Gospel and baptising people.

Once John the Baptist was put in prison It says,

Now after that John was put in prison. Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the kingdom of God. And saying, the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent you and believe in the gospel. Mark 1; 14-15

*From that time Jesus began to preach, and say, **Repent: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.** Matthew 4; 17*

Jesus did not only preach the Gospel of the Kingdom in his own territory, but also wanted to reach out to the whole of Israel and beyond. How did he do this?

The message of the Kingdom is to spread through both teaching and preaching: and Jesus went about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom. Matthew 9; 35

*And he said to them, **I must preach the Kingdom of God to other cities also:** for therefore am I sent. Luke 4; 43*

Soon afterwards, he went through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the Kingdom of God and the twelve were with him. Luke 8; 1

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. Matthew 9; 35

When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing. Luke 9; 11

Jesus then sent the disciples out on their own to preach the Kingdom and to heal the sick, Luke 9: 2. Then He also said in Luke 10: 9 *heal the sick in it, and say to them, the Kingdom of God has come near to you.* The disciples then went out with very good results. Jesus did not stop there though, He then sent them out to the nations of the world.

And Jesus came and said to them, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28; 18-20

For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. 1 Corinthians 4; 20

Then before Jesus ascended to His Father He said in the KJV
“*And I appoint unto you a Kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me*” (Mark 16: 15)

Then He says to us “***And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.***”

Jesus’s life displays the Righteousness of the Heavenly kingdom. His servanthood, His willingness to die for each one of us. He became the perfect example of how we should live our lives... He brought down the Kingdom... He is the Kingdom... The Kingdom of God dwelt in Him!

As you read this book, God’s desire is that you belong in his Kingdom! His desire is that you display the fruit of his Kingdom! He desire is that you walk in the power of his Kingdom! Otherwise his death would have been in vain.

Jesus saw himself as sent by God to preach the Kingdom of God to the people, as well as in demonstrating it on the cross.

Many of us know the word of God, but are we living it out? We can only enter the Kingdom of God through the cross. What Jesus did on the cross is our only entry into the Kingdom of God. It is our decision to live for God by accepting Him as our Lord and Saviour, that we become reborn to eternal life into the Kingdom of Heaven. This is why I use so many scriptures to show what the Bible says, rather than what I say.

If you have not yet received Jesus as Lord and Saviour, I invite you to pray the sinners prayer now.

Lord, I come to you as I am. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Please forgive me every sin I have ever done. I choose to follow you in truth and righteousness from this moment on. Thank you for forgiving me. Please come into my heart as my Lord and Saviour. Thank you Jesus, Amen.

Now go and get baptised in water to confirm your prayer, and to be transferred out of the Kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Heaven, and then get baptised in the Holy Spirit.