

Part 23 The Presence of The Future – Summary – Practicing Righteousness

From Part 1, the main questions we will be answering are namely:

1. What is the central message of the gospel of Jesus Christ and how does the future apocalyptic kingdom of God, relate to the kingdom of God having come in the present?
2. What are the implications of ignoring the words of Our Lord when He declared that “the kingdom of God as having come”?
3. When Jesus Christ revealed the truth of the present kingdom of God as depicted mainly in the parables, parables which He referred to as the “mysteries of the kingdom”. What were their significance in their context?
4. Lastly; What **do we need to do** from a practical stand point in our lives, to ensure our entrance into the coming earthly kingdom of God as promised by Our Lord and the Apostles and the Prophets of old?

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1 Peter 2:21-22

21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 who committed **NO SIN**, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;

Matthew 5:48 Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

1 John 2:1-8

1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you **MAY NOT SIN**. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

3 By this we know that we have come to know Him, **IF we keep His commandments**. 4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; 5 but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: 6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked. 7 Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard. 8 On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true Light is already shining.

1 Peter 2:23-25

23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, **SO THAT we might die to sin and live to righteousness**; for by His wounds you were healed. 25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.