



## *If We Only Knew*



In all this glorious universe, human beings are God's greatest creation because they are the only things created in His own image and likeness. Human beings are the only ones He calls His family; destined to be heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus. *"The Spirit which you have received is not a spirit of bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption – in which we cry "Abba, Father" (meaning, My Father!). The Spirit Himself testifies together with our own spirit, assuring us that we are the children of God. And if we are His children, then we are His heirs also; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ, sharing His inheritance with Him; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory. But the sufferings of this present life are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to us and in us, and for us!"* (Romans 8:15-18 Amp.)

Jesus said *"Fear not, little flock, for it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom!"* (Luke 12:32) We don't know why God has chosen to give the kingdom to us, as born again believers, or why Jesus chooses to share His throne with us, but He does! God set this plan in operation and nothing can change it's course – from eternity past to eternity future, we are the chosen of the Lord! (see Ephesians 1:11)

If we only knew what really happens when we accept Jesus as our Savior and Lord, we would never be afraid again! (see 2 Timothy 1:7)



If we only knew we have become a son or daughter of God Himself! We would never feel lonely again. (see Romans 8:16)

If we only knew that we were accepted into the family of God and we can trust Him to feed us, clothe us and meet our every need! We would never worry again. (see Luke 12:29-31)

If we only knew we have been given all the treasures of the Kingdom of God for our inheritance! We would never feel poor again. (see 1 Peter 1:3-6, and Phillipians 4:19).

If we only knew we are made complete in Jesus and do not have to have a man, or woman, or a mother or father, in order to feel complete, for we are complete in Him! We would not make or keep wrong relationships. (see Colossians 2:8-10)

If we only knew that every sin we have ever committed or ever will commit is already forgiven by the blood of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, and that He only requires that we recognize our sin and forgive those involved, and repent (turn away from it) to be completely cleansed from it! We would never feel guilty again. (see 1 John 1:7-10)

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If we only knew that we are holy in the eyes of God! We would draw closer to Him. (see Romans 11:16 and 12:1)

If only we knew that we are going to live forever with Jesus in the presence of God! We would never fear death. (see John 3:14-17; and John 10:27-30)

If we only knew a heavenly home is being prepared for us right now! We would never feel homeless again. (see John 14:1-3)

If we only knew what the Kingdom of God is like! We would seek it with all our heart. (see 1 Corinthians 2:9 and Matthew 6:33)

Jesus speaks of the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God 108 times in the New Testament. In every one of those times, the bottom line is faith in some form; absolute, unwavering faith in every area of life. The kingdom of God is obtained only by faith and is lived out by faith.



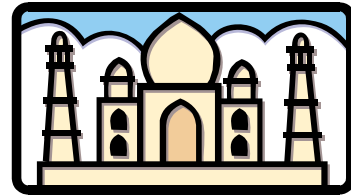
Faith is not just believing something is true, it is knowing the thing is true. To believe something is true means to put your trust into it and trust that it is true. But our ability to trust can vary or change from one day to the next. Knowing, on the other hand, means to know by personal experience; to know by being acquainted with a Person. To have an intimate relationship with that Person. So, instead of hoping and wavering in our trusting, we can have solid, absolute and unchanging faith in Jesus, the Rock of our salvation.

Jesus put it this way: *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father which is in heaven. Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a sensible man who built his house upon the rock; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against the house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone that hears these words of Mine and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against the house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it.”* (Matthew 7:21,24-27)

The religious rulers of Jesus’ day who did not believe Jesus was the Son of God, knew that the kingdom of God would come one day, but they thought it would be a kingdom with armies that would fight their enemies, and a ruler that would live in splendor in great palaces, so they demanded to know from Jesus just when this kingdom was coming. Jesus answered them and said, *“The kingdom of God does not come by something you can see with your eyes, so people can’t say, ‘look here,’ or, ‘look there,’ because the kingdom of God is within you.”* (Luke 17:20,21) They refused to accept the fact that God had chosen a different kind of kingdom.

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Jesus went about His earthly ministry to all the cities and villages, teaching in their Jewish synagogues (there were no Christian churches yet), and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing sickness and disease among the people. *“and when He had called to Him His twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits (demons), to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.”*



(Matthew 10:1) Then He sent them out and commanded them saying, *“As you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely you have received, freely give.’”* (Matthew 10:7-8)

Jesus made it very clear that the kingdom of God is not one of satisfying the desires of our earthly bodies; it is a kingdom of *“righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Anyone who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.”* (Romans 14:17-18) It is a kingdom of goodness and mercy and eternal joy. God is a spirit, and His kingdom is a spiritual one – operating within our spirit. But, His kingdom does not end here on earth, only our body does. We take our spirit and soul to heaven with us and there we find the fullness of God’s kingdom in all its glory – beauty, holiness (no more tears ever), righteousness (no evil), peace (no strife) and joy unspeakable and full of glory.

*“In the presence of God is fullness of joy!”* (Psalm 16:11) And we don’t have to wait to go to heaven to be in His presence, because His presence enters and remains in us when we accept Jesus as our Saviour. If we only knew! Instead of mourning our losses for all of our lives we would be counting our blessings for all of eternity! (Revelation 3:20,21 Amp.)

If you make studying your Bible, and getting to know Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord, your #1 priority in life, you can change the “if only I knew” to “now I know!”



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11. How do we get the Kingdom of God? (Luke 12:32)  
(The answer to this question will be your memory verse)

MEMORY VERSE \_\_\_\_\_

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We would never be afraid again.

2. If we really knew we have become a son or daughter of God how would we feel?

We would never feel lonely again.

3. If we really knew we are accepted in the family of God and can trust Him to meet every need, what would we do?

We would never worry again.

4. If we really knew we are given all the treasures of the kingdom of God for our inheritance, how would we feel?

We would never feel poor again.

5. If we really knew we are complete in Jesus what would happen?

We would not make or keep any relationships that are wrong for us.

6. If we really knew every sin we have ever committed or will ever commit is forgiven already, how would we feel?

We would never feel guilty again.

7. If we really knew we are holy in God's eyes what would we do?

We would draw closer to Him.

8. If we really knew that we are going to live forever with Jesus, in the presence of God, what would happen?

We would never fear death.

9. If we really knew that a heavenly home is being prepared for us right now, how would we feel?

We would never feel homeless again.

10. If we really knew what the kingdom of God is like, what would we do?

We would seek it with all our heart.

11. How do we get the Kingdom of God? (Luke 12:32)

MEMORY VERSE "Fear not, little flock, it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."