

Seeking His Kingdom

Scripture: **Matthew 6:31-33**

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? ³² (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. ³³ But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Introduction

Hanging on my grandfather Grubbs' wall:
Only one life, 'twil soon be past
Only what's done for Christ will last

I. Seeking His righteousness

Isaiah 64:6 KJV But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Ephesian 5:9, 22-23 KJV (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

A. Seeking repentance

2 Corinthians 7:10 KJV For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

B. Seeking forgiveness

1 John 1:9 KJV If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

C. Seeking His fellowship

1 John 1:3, 7 KJV That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

D. Seeking / developing His character

Philippians 2:5 KJV Let this mind be

in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

II. Seeking His Kingdom

Romans 14:17 KJV For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

A. What His kingdom consists of

1. Righteousness
 - a. Right relationship
 - b. Right actions
2. Peace – at peace with self, others and God
3. Joy

B. Where His kingdom exists

C. Who are His subjects

1. The Jewish people – the olive branch
2. Gentile believers – the wild olive branch grafted in

III. Finding His reward

Matthew 6:33b KJV and all these things shall be added unto you.

- A. Food to eat
- B. Something to drink
- C. Clothes to wear
- D. Everything else is a bonus

Conclusion

1 Timothy 6:8 KJV And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.