

# CHRISTIAN OUTREACH AND DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL

## THE MESSAGE

## Digging Deeper Series - Chapter Two

### WHAT IS GODS PLAN AND PURPOSE?

#### CHAPTER RECAP -

- GOD IS ESTABLISHING A ..... NOT OF THIS WORLD OR .....
- GOD WANTS TO ..... THIS KINGDOM WITH A ..... FOR HIS OWN POSSESSION.
- THERE IS AN ..... TO BE EXECUTED.

#### A. MAIN PASSAGES

##### **Matthew 4:17 (NASB)**

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

##### **John 18:36 (NASB)**

<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."

##### **1 Peter 2:9-10 (NASB)**

<sup>9</sup> But you are **A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION**, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; <sup>10</sup> for you once were **NOT A PEOPLE**, but now you are **THE PEOPLE OF GOD**; you had **NOT RECEIVED MERCY**, but now you have **RECEIVED MERCY**.

Q1: So what is it that God wants for himself and what is it He wants us (His own) to realize?

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## B. COMPLEMENTING PASSAGES

### KINGDOM PASAGES

#### **Luke 22:14-18 (NASB)**

<sup>14</sup> When the hour had come, He reclined *at the table*, and the apostles with Him.

<sup>15</sup> And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup> for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

<sup>17</sup> And when He had taken a cup *and* given thanks, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup> for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes."

#### **Matthew 6:9-10 (NASB)**

<sup>9</sup> "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

<sup>10</sup> 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Q1: How do these verses complement the main verses on page one ?

Q2: What is Christ holding back on until His kingdom comes?

### CHILDREN OF GOD

#### **John 1:11-13 (NIV2011)**

<sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

<sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Q1: What are the phrases that indicates we are Gods offspring?

Q2: According to this verse are we ultimately born of God because of a decision we make?

#### **Romans 8:14-17 (NASB)**

<sup>14</sup> For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

<sup>15</sup> For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

Q1: How does the experience of our soul and spirit lay credence to proof of our heirship to God?

#### **1 John 3:1-2 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup> See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

Q1: How does this show tremendous love from our creator that he would allow a created element the human race the opportunity for us to be His offspring and a part of his heirship and lineage.

## B. COMPLEMENTING PASSAGES CONT

### A LOOK AT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

This passage sums up the entirety of God's ultimate purposes at the end of earthly existence.

#### **Revelation 21:1-7 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, <sup>4</sup> and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup> And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He \*said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." <sup>6</sup> Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. <sup>7</sup> "He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.

Q1: Verses 1 What will happen to planet earth as we know it and heavens as God knows it?

Q2: Verse 2 Is a picture of His church or true believers. So what will make heaven different this time around?

Q3: Verse 3 At the time of creation God walked among men on planet earth, he stepped away because man wanted to be his own God and go his own way. Now he has a creation a people who want to be with Him and reside with Him once again. It's a new Heaven occupied with His off spring. How much joy do you think this brought God?

Q4: Verse 4 How must this look to us no more pain, suffering or death?

Q5: Verse 5 The kingdom of Heaven will be brand new with His people, His offspring and this has been his eternal plan fulfilled. Over the course of history how have we seen His plan fulfilled?

Q6: Verse 6 God shows His absolute control in that His will has been done and that we are drinking from the water of life. How does this sum up finding the reality of our existence?

Q7: If one overcomes the untruth of this world and comes to Christ he will be reconciled and reunited with God as a family. What do you think it will look like dwelling with Christ in His presences?



## THE ETERNAL CHALLENGE

**HOW DOES A GOD WHO IS IN CONTROL OF ALL THINGS AND KNOWS THE BEGINNING FROM THE END, CREATE AN ABSOLUTE FREE WILLED BEING WHO WILL WANT TO RESIDE WITH HIM IN HIS KINGDOM AND HONOR HIM AS THEIR CREATOR GOD?**

### **Ephesians 1:3-6 (NIV2011)**

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Q1: What are the two phases that state God the Father already knows those who are His?

### **Revelation 3:20-21 (NIV2011)**

<sup>20</sup> Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. <sup>21</sup> To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.

### **Romans 10:8-10 (NIV2011)**

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Q1: According to these two verses what are the actions man must take to come to faith in God?

Q1: So God is in control of all things and know those who are his, yet we have actions we have to do to be saved. How does this define the Eternal Challenge?.

### **Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV2011)**

<sup>8</sup> "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### **Deuteronomy 29:29 (NIV2011)**

<sup>29</sup> The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

### **1 Corinthians 13:12 (NASB)**

<sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.

Q1: How do these verses sum up how much of the Eternal challenge we can understand?

## ASPECTS OF GODS PLAN AND PURPOSE

GOD IS ESTABLISHING A KINGDOM OF NOT OF THIS WORLD

GOD WANTS A PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN POSSESSION - OFFSPRING AND CHILDREN

MANKIND DOES HAVE A FREE WILL IN THE FRAMEWORK OF GODS ETERNAL PROVIDENCE