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CHRIST KINGDOM IS A WAY OF LIFE

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Chapter Five:
Rediscovering the Kingdom,
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Life Inside The Door of Christ Kingdom

Many believers get so completely fixated on Jesus as Savior and being "born again" that as soon as they are inside the Kingdom, they camp out on the doorstep and never go any farther.

It is never enough to be baptized in the light of Christ—one must move forward in learning the way-of-life teachings. Those who have come into this Church yet do not practice the daily decrees or the way-of-life teachings have not known the absence of the light that would give them a reality in Christ. They live with the worldly images and sounds. Having been baptized, the soul longs for that Light, and one does not feel fulfilled not living in this Christ righteousness or Christ Truth.

Jesus is the *doorway* to the Kingdom; but, believe me, there are more riches that await inside. Jesus himself made this clear when he said: *I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers. but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full* (John 10:7-10).

"Life ... to the max"—that's what our Kingdom inheritance is all about, and it *begins* with Jesus. But it does not end at the door. Remember that life is a journey and that life in the Kingdom will require that you move beyond your original experiences with God and mature and grow as a true son of the Kingdom.

Jesus came to reintroduce the Kingdom of God to us, and, through the offering of his life on the cross, provide the means by which we could enter into that Kingdom. A critical part of our introduction to the powerful truths of the Kingdom is about our inheritance as children of God. Matthew records a parable that Jesus introduced referring to that inheritance. The parable itself is about judgment and the distinguishing characteristics made between the righteous and the unrighteous. The King is sitting in judgment and has placed the righteous,



pictured as sheep, on his right hand and the unrighteous, pictured as goats, on his left hand.

In the spiritual realm, Christ is the mediator between God and man. He stands between the Kingdom and us. He mediates between our inheritance and us. We cannot receive the full benefits of our inheritance unless we go through him. Just as the 10 million dollars was ours as a child, even before we knew about it, even so is the Kingdom of God our inheritance from the foundation of the world.

Once you come of age, you come before me as trustee of your 10 million dollar inheritance and say, "I am now of age; I qualify. Give me the inheritance that my father left for me." All I then need from you is proof of your identification and that you have met the qualifications. Once I see that everything is in order, I cannot keep you from your 10 million dollars. It is yours, free and clear, and you have access to all the rights, privileges, and opportunities that it affords you. Jesus says to us, "There is a great inheritance waiting for you, a Kingdom that is yours, even though you knew nothing about it. I am here to reveal it to you and help you claim it. I am the mediator. I am the Door. Come to me, trust in me, and enter into the Kingdom prepared for you." When we take Jesus at his word, when we trust him as the one who can cleanse us of our sin, when we give him control and acknowledge him as Lord of our lives, we meet all the "qualifications" necessary to receive our Kingdom inheritance.

Claiming our inheritance is not about joining a particular church or denomination. It has nothing to do with being "religious." It has *everything* to do with understanding that we are citizens of a Kingdom established and ruled by God, which will endure forever. As Kingdom citizens, we have legal rights to the government. The reason so many of us receive so little from God is because we do not recognize ourselves as citizens of his Kingdom, do not understand our rights as citizens, and therefore lack the confidence or boldness to *ask*. Kingdom citizenship is a spiritual reality, but it is also a *mentality*. As believers, we already have the Spirit of God, but we need to learn the *mind* and the *heart* of God. We need training in thinking and living as God's children.