



# Compassion

2022 - Fourth Quarter

## The Kingdom of God

On one occasion, a group of Pharisees asked Jesus when the Kingdom of God would come. In reply, Jesus told them, "The Kingdom of God is not coming in a way you can observe, nor will people say, "Look, here it is!" or "Look, there it is!" because the Kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:20-21 EHV). Jesus was teaching that the Kingdom of God is spiritual in nature and includes all of his believers of all time.

Sometimes people ask me if it is possible that some of the men and women who join in our study of God's Word really are not believers in Jesus. Maybe they come to our study just because it is something to do, or maybe they want to look like Christians.

When someone asks that question, I remember what Jesus said about God's Kingdom. It does not come in a way which is observable. It is a matter of faith

in Jesus. When the Holy Spirit uses the Gospel to bring someone to faith in Jesus or nourishes that faith, then the Kingdom of God is present.

That's what our God promises in Isaiah 55:10-11, "Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and do not return there unless they first water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout, so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater, in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth will not return to me empty. Rather it will accomplish whatever I please." And that is something that only God can see.

Please join me in thankfully praying that the Holy Spirit would continue to strengthen and preserve our fellow believers in their faith while they are incarcerated.



by Chaplain Charles Iles



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# A Great Revelation

*Perry* was sentenced to several years in jail. During his first year, he noticed how some Christian inmates had comfort and peace which he did not have. Wanting this same comfort and peace for himself, he picked up a Bible. Thinking it was just another book, he decided to skip to the end and just read the *conclusion*. So, in his quest for peace, *Perry* began reading the book of Revelation.

Instead of finding peace, however, the book of Revelation alarmed him. Prior to reading Revelation, *Perry* didn't think he needed a Savior, but

the book's message of condemning sin and sinners terrified him. That is when *Perry* decided to attend my Bible study.

We studied the Bible together for a whole year, and *Perry* became a changed person. Finally in a private moment he told me his story. He now had a trust in Jesus as his Savior and was at peace with God. Comforted by the gospel, he was now a very changed person. Now, the book of Revelation was a great revelation about Jesus and his love for us. *Perry* now saw himself as one of the saints

who would stand before the throne of Jesus with all believers. He was now covered with Jesus' saving forgiveness and Jesus' perfect life. He was now friends with God forever. This scary book of Revelation turned out to be a great revelation – a revelation about his Savior Jesus Christ.



by Chaplain  
Ken Wenzel

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*On the 15th of October, the Lord Jesus welcomed Ken into his heavenly home. We offer God our thanks and praise for Ken's 25 years of faithful service to this ministry. "Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21 EHV).*



# A Place in Heaven for Jokers

Sooner or later, in every discussion about eternal life, the question comes up: "Will we know each other in heaven?" The idea that God will turn us into angels or generic spiritual beings or something is an idea that just doesn't seem to go away. Do we lose our identities when we get to heaven?

That doesn't sound very heavenly to me. When I look at the gospel narratives about the Transfiguration event, when Moses and Elijah showed up for a meeting with Jesus even though they'd been in heaven for centuries, it's obvious that they were still Moses and Elijah. They were still their own unique selves. That sounds a whole lot better.

I think about that when I think about people I know and care about who are already in heaven, people like Todd. For years Todd was a regular in the recovery Bible study I facilitate in prison. He was the oldest guy in the group, and he brought a lot of wisdom to the group – wisdom that came out of years of bad decisions, years of experiencing consequences, and years of working with God and with his fellow addicts on recovery. But cancer took Todd away from us a few months ago, and now the group discussions go on without his special contributions.

Among many other things, I miss Todd's brilliant sarcasm. I could always count on him, as a Catholic, to have something hilariously snarky to say about Lutherans. He would crack wise about my Harley, or about my disorganization, or anything else about me that came into his comedic crosshairs. At least once a month, he'd greet me at the beginning of class by asking, "Well, did you forget to bring the pizza again?" Nobody in the group is giving me a hard time anymore, at least not like Todd did, and that makes me sad.

I'd be even sadder if I thought for a minute that God had taken away Todd's sharp wit and comedic timing, along with the rest of his personality and identity. But I'm not worried: I know God loves me, the real me, and he loves the real Todd, and he wants both of us to live with him and be our unique selves forever – Minus the sin, but who wants that anyway? You don't need sin to be funny. I'm pretty sure that one of the first things I'll hear on my first day in heaven is going to be, "Well, did you remember to bring the pizza this time?"



by Chaplain  
Philip Merten





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Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Cox  
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