

Spiritual Sight in the Last Days-The Kingdom
2 Pet 1:11

2 Pet 1:8 = The Results of These Qualities.

C.T./L.T. = For if these things are beginning to exist (HUPARCHW) in you and are increasing (PLEONADZW), they establish you (KATHIST8MI) neither useless (ARGOS) nor unfruitful (AKARPOS) in the true knowledge (EPIGNWSIS) of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Pet 1:9 = The Results of Lack Of These Qualities.

C.T./L.T. = For to the one to whom these things are not present (M8 + PAREIMI) is blindness (TUPHLOS) or short-sightedness (MUWPADZW), having received forgetfulness (LAMBANW + L8PH8)of the purification (KATHARISMOS) from his former sins.

2 Pet 1:10 = The Conclusion.

C.T./L.T. = Therefore (DIO), brethren, be all the more diligent (SPOUDADZW) to make firm (BEBAIOS) His calling and choosing you; for as long as you are doing these things, you will never stumble (OU + M8 + PTAIW) and fall;

2 Pet 1:11 = The Blessing.

C.T./L.T. = for in this way the entrance (EISODOS) into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly (PLOUSIWS) supplied (EPIGHOR8GEW) to you.

Summary:

1. At salvation, we are _____ to the Kingdom of His Beloved Son.
Col 1:13-14
2. We supply _____ and He opens the doorway into the eternal kingdom meaning He begins to abundantly supply the blessings right now.
3. These Kingdom blessings are first and foremost _____ by nature, rather than physical.
4. As heavenly citizens we have been given _____ grace by our Lord Jesus Christ. Titus 3:5-7
5. The grace given _____ Him a lot. 2 Cor 8:9-10
6. So we are to let His Word be abundantly inside of us so that it may _____ others. Col 3:16-17
7. God has already supplied us with _____ we need beginning with the Holy Spirit. Gal 3:5; cf 2 Pet 1:3
8. The Body of Christ is supplied with all it needs to _____, both quantitatively and qualitatively. Col 2:18-19

9. And the supply it needs to sow with will be _____. 2 Cor 9:10-11
10. Connect to God and taste His grace-every _____ of every day.

The Kingdom

1. The Word “Kingdom” is used 336x in the Bible, so it is not a _____ topic.
- A. The Hebrew Word for Kingdom is MAMLAKAH and is used 117x in the Old Testament.
 - B. The Aramaic Word is MALKUW and is used 57x.
 - C. The Greek Word is BASILEIA and is used 162x.
2. The first person mentioned in the Scriptures that is said to have a Kingdom is _____. Gen 10:8-11
3. At Mount Sinai God laid out His plan for Israel to be a Kingdom of _____ and a _____ nation. Exo 19:3-6
- A. The first qualification of participating in the Kingdom of God was to be obedient to His Words.
 - B. The Kingdom was more of a spiritual issue than a physical issue.
4. Secularly speaking, a kingdom is an area that has a king over it, thus there have been _____ kingdoms in human history.
5. It was _____ through Moses that Israel would want a human king to rule over them, like the other nations around them. Deut 17:14-20
- A. Some very simple principles were to guide this selection.
 - 1). God’s choice.
 - 2). Not a foreigner.
 - 3). Not greedy with things.
 - 4). Not desire to go back to Egypt.
 - 5). Not a polygamist.
 - 6). Not greedy about money.
 - 7). Write down a personal copy of the Law.
 - 8). Read and reread it all his life.
 - 9). Respect God.
 - 10). Obey the rules of the Law.
 - 11). Be humble.
 - 12). Does not change the Law.
 - B. Obedience brings a promise of longevity and succession.
 - C. While there were clearly physical requirements concerning the Kingdom, there were also spiritual requirements.

Encouraging One Another

1. Introduction:
2. We Must Meet Together
3. The Great Encourager:
4. Barnabas' First Example:
5. Barnabas' Second Example:

6. Barnabas' Third Example:

- A. Setting the stage-an historical sketch. Rom 1 cf Gen 12:1-3
 1. The Gospel is for everyone. Rom 1
 2. The Abrahamic Covenant included even the Gentiles. Gen 12:1-3
- B. Peter's "Second Conversion." Acts 10:1-11:18
 1. Cornelius the Centurion's vision and instructions to get Simon Peter. 10:1-8
 2. Peter told to eat all the unclean foods previously forbidden. 10:9-16
 3. Cornelius' servants arrive to pickup Peter. 10:17-23
 4. Peter in the midst of Gentiles. 10:24-33
 5. Peter giving the Gospel to Gentiles. 10:34-43
 6. The Gentile Pentecost. 10:44-48
 7. Peter challenged by fellow Jews for association with the Gentiles. 11:1-3
 8. Peter's defense. 11:4-18
- C. The Church in Antioch. Acts 11:19-21
- D. Barnabas sent to Antioch. Acts 11:22-24
- E. Why was Barnabas chosen? Some observations.
 1. Barnabas had developed a _____ in the Christian world as an "Encourager," a man who was deeply concerned about people and who could get excited about the progress in others' lives.
 2. Another reason that they sent him was because of his _____ qualifications. Acts 11:24
 3. More than likely, he was also more free of _____ than the others.
 4. He was _____ as exemplified by recognizing when the church at Antioch needed a better teacher. Acts 11:25-26

5. He was _____ as exemplified by being selected to carry an offering to the Jerusalem saints during their time of famine. Acts 11:27-30

F. Lessons for 21st-Century Christians:

1. Christians should Encourage others by entering into their lives without being a _____.
2. Christians should also Encourage others with their own _____ lifestyles.
3. Christians, of all people, should not be _____.
4. Christians should be led of the Holy Spirit and _____ to Christ.
5. Christians should also be _____ and _____.

G. For Self-Evaluation:

1. Am I able to get _____ about the good things that happen to others?
2. Do I tell them that I am _____ for them?
3. Can I enter into their _____?
4. Am I living a _____ Christian lifestyle?
5. Am I able to _____ other people for who they are?
6. Do I look for the _____ in other people?
7. Can I freely associate with people who are _____ than I?
8. Am I willing to be a _____?

H. An Encourager is a person of Faith!

1. Barnabas demonstrated his faith in the Lord toward the church, its leaders, with his _____ and _____.
2. He also displayed his faith in the Lord toward other people realizing that they too could _____.
3. Barnabas also had faith that others could _____, so he had no problem seeking help from others.
4. From landowner to donor, to helper, to leader, to pioneer missionary, Barnabas had an _____ ministry!