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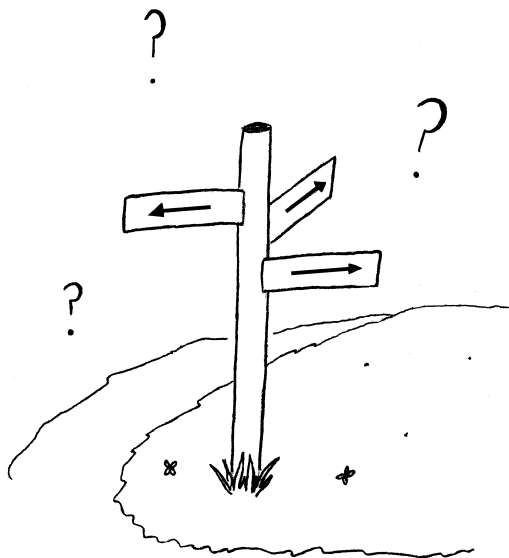
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*Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
2 Corinthians 3:17*

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Mission Statement: The Embassy of Heaven is calling men and women everywhere to come out from the ways of the world. Give your allegiance to Jesus Christ and love one another as He commanded. *John 15:17*



Where is the Kingdom of Heaven?

The Kingdom of Heaven has no physical boundaries. Wherever there is someone walking in obedience to Jesus Christ, there you will find the Kingdom.

- Jesus said, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” *Matthew 18:20*
- The kingdom of God is within you. *Luke 17:21*
- The Kingdom is bound by righteousness and light. Outside are unrighteousness and darkness. *Colossians 1:12-13*
- Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight . . . but now is my kingdom not from hence.” *John 18:36*
- Where people receive the Truth, the Kingdom is near unto them. *John 4:23*
- The Kingdom of God is at hand. *Matthew 4:17*
- You must be born again to see the Kingdom. *John 3:3*

What the Kingdom of Heaven is not

- The Kingdom is not made up of a particular race or family or nationality. Whosoever shall do the will of our Father in heaven, the same is our brother, and sister, and mother. *Matthew 12:50*
- The Kingdom is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. *Galatians 3:28*
- The Kingdom of Heaven is not a building. *John 4:21-24*
- The Kingdom of Heaven is not a corporation of the state. *John 15:4-5*
- The Kingdom does not hinge on worshipping on any one particular day of the week. *Romans 14:5*
- The Kingdom doesn't depend on calling God by a particular name. *Exodus 3:13-15*
- The Kingdom of God is not food and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. *Romans 14:17*
- The Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk, but of power. *1 Corinthians 4:20*

The ancient scriptures predicted the Kingdom of Heaven.

The New Testament proclaims that it has arrived!

Jesus didn't bring us a **religion**. He brought us a **nationality**.

As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
John 1:12-13

How it Happened

God has always wanted a people called out to be His own. For a time, ancient Israel was that nation. And they had God as their only King and lawgiver. But during the time of Samuel, the people clamored to be like the other nations. They wanted a king to rule over them and fight their battles.

Samuel warned them how oppressive it would be under an earthly king. He said the king would take their best young men and animals and put them to work for him. He would take their fields and vineyards and give them to *his* servants.

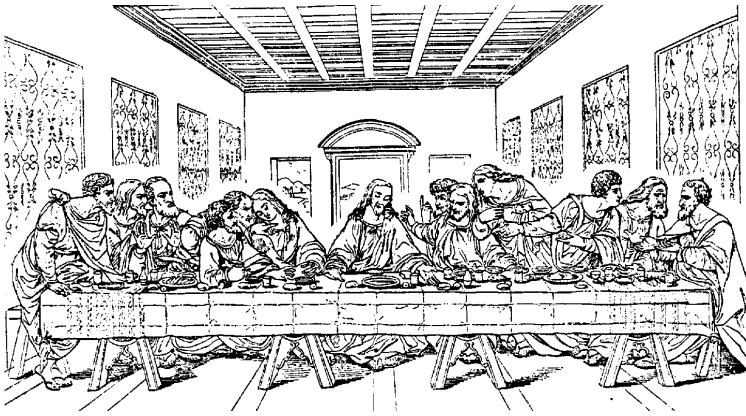
On and on went the list of things the king would take. Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel and demanded a king to rule over them. And the Lord, in His anger, allowed the people to have a king. But He said to Samuel, “They have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them” (*1 Samuel, Chapter 8*).

God still desired to separate unto himself a peculiar people who would love and obey Him. He sent His Son for that purpose. When Jesus began His earthly ministry He said, “Repent, (change your mind) for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand” (*Matthew 4:17*).

The long awaited government of God was now calling men and women everywhere to turn from their worldly ways and seek a new life. Jesus set down the Code of Conduct for His citizens in the Sermon on the Mount (*Matthew Chapters 5 – 7*). He expounded on the nature and character of His kingdom in the many parables in the book of Matthew.

Then at the Lord’s Supper, He held a meeting that we call the Constitutional Convention. There He explained how His government would be different from all the other nations. In His kingdom, the first shall be last of all and servant of all. While the kings of other nations exercise lordship over them, it shall not be so in the Kingdom of Heaven. “He that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve” (*Luke 22:26*).

Our Founding Fathers at the Constitutional Convention



“And I appoint unto you a Kingdom” Luke 22:29

For those who had continued with Him throughout His ministry, He conferred upon them His Father’s government. “Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me” (*Luke 22:28-29*).

Jesus went on to be crucified and then rose from the dead on the third day, fulfilling that which was written in the scriptures concerning Him (*Luke 24:44*). He commissioned His apostles to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name among all nations. And Christ’s followers went forth and expounded and testified of the kingdom of God (*Acts 28:23*).

Unlocking the Kingdom

The Kingdom of Heaven, which is God’s government, may be so locked up that it is difficult to enter. Christ said that the scribes and Pharisees shut it up and took away the key of knowledge. They refused to go in themselves, and they barred the way for those who were trying to enter (*Matthew 23:13*). Many people recite scripture verses, but do not understand how they apply to their daily walk in the Kingdom.

As you read the Bible, look at it as the history of God offering His government to the people. In the Old Testament, God’s people rejected and disobeyed that government.

Consequently, they were conquered by their enemies and taken captive. They lost their land and their freedom.

When Jesus Christ appeared, He offered a new way of living – one that brought peace and liberty. To find out what God expects, search the New Testament to find the covenants or agreements between God and us. Christ said, “Happy are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy” (*Matthew 5:7*).

Here God is making a covenant to be merciful to us if we are merciful one to another. If a man shows mercy to his neighbor, he can boldly trust God for mercy in all his needs. However, judgment without mercy shall be shown to him that shows no mercy (*James 2:13*). If he shows no mercy, but trusts God to show him mercy, his faith is worldly and vain. For God has promised mercy only to the merciful.

Another covenant between God and man is that if you forgive men their faults, your heavenly Father shall forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their faults, then you cannot expect your Father to forgive you your faults. God, in his mercy, has bound Himself to us. Therefore, if we forgive our neighbor, we can trust God to forgive whatever we have done amiss. But if we will not forgive others, then we cannot hope for God’s forgiveness. Instead we must face judgment without mercy.

The whole covenant is included in this: if we submit ourselves to God, to love and obey Him, then God has bound himself to make good all the mercies promised in Christ.

The kingdom of God is to love God with all thine heart, and to put thy whole trust in him according to the covenant, made in Christ; and for Christ’s sake to love thy neighbor as Christ loved thee. And all this is within thee.” *William Tyndale, 16th Century translator of the New Testament from Greek to English.*

The Kingdom of God and the **Kingdom of Heaven** are equivalent names for the same government.

First Encounter with a Citizen of Heaven

This is the transcript of a conversation held online between a young man, who had never heard of citizens of Heaven, and Pastor Paul.

Q. I stumbled across your website today and it really struck a cord with me. Are you serious?

A. Yes, this is our entire life. Just imagine a universal government which has no physical borders.

Q. What about the law?

A. We do our best to live according to the Golden Rule. Love God, love neighbor. Be neighbor to everyone.

Q. I like that. Are you self-sustained or do you still interact with the world?

A. We are out of the world system. Our work is completely under the authority of the Kingdom of Heaven. We are not a burden to anyone.

Q. If I were to join with you, would I have to move and relocate? More importantly, would I need to end all contact with family and friends?

A. No, the Kingdom of Heaven is not a physical location. We are sprinkled like salt upon the earth.

Q. So could I continue to go to college?

A. You could attend, but only as a nonresident because your citizenship would be different. Residents pay less at a state college because part of the cost is picked up by state taxpayers. You would be a citizen of Heaven, not of the world. As a foreigner, you would pay the full nonresident tuition since you don't qualify for the privileges of residents.

Q. What about getting a job?

A. Yes, you can have a job. We are all commanded to work. The question is whether they will hire a foreigner. Usually we are prevented from working for the world. There is always work to do in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Q. What kind of work could I do?

A. God has given us all gifts. Ask Him to show you how you can use these talents to serve others.

Q. Are you saying I would no longer be a U.S. citizen?

A. We do not hold dual citizenship. You cannot serve two masters. You cannot serve two governments.

Q. If we are no longer part of the U.S., must we still abide by their rules?

A. In the Kingdom of Heaven, our laws have already been given. We seek to do even more than what is required. However, the world does not make our laws... and neither do we. Our laws are *already* written in Heaven, and expressed in the New Testament.

Q. Are we protected if we are sent to jail?

A. We are instructed to lay down our lives. Our protection comes only from Christ. We are not surprised when we are persecuted by those who do not understand, and we forgive them.

Q. What about getting a driver license from the state?

A. Only a resident of a state can get a state driver license.

Q. So we don't drive?

A. We drive, but we drive in the Kingdom of Heaven (which includes the whole world) under the authority of Jesus Christ.

Q. What about taxes?

A. Pay all taxes that are owed, and keep your agreements. Many of the taxes are intended for state residents. Also, we do not sign up for benefits reserved for citizens of the world. We look only to God for our needs.

Q. What about alcohol?

A. Drunkards shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but drinking alcohol in moderation is not a violation in the Kingdom. Even Jesus made wine.

Q. One more question, how do I become a member?

A. Call upon the Name of the Lord and give your life to Christ. If you wish to make it more formal, you can make a written declaration of citizenship and get baptized to make your commitment public.

We have a system of records. Your declaration can be put on file for public inspection. We also have optional documents if you need public papers. There is more information at EmbassyOfHeaven.org and EmbassyOfHeaven.com.

Q. I have a lot of information to go over. Obviously this decision should not be made lightly. Thank you for sharing this with me.

A. Christ's blessings.

How to Become a Citizen

Admit that you've been on the wrong path and cry out to God for help.

Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. *Acts 2:21*

Stop worrying about what you will eat, and what you will wear. Turn your heart away from the things of this world and toward the things of God.

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. *Matthew 6:33*

To continue on the narrow path, keep your thoughts on Christ and His Kingdom and forsake the wicked world.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. *Colossians 3:2-3*

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? . . . Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. *2 Corinthians 6:14, 17-18*

Study the New Testament of the Holy Bible, paying particular attention to the words of Jesus, His Sermon on the Mount (*Matthew Chapters 5-7*) and the parables of the Kingdom.

Visit us at: EmbassyOfHeaven.com for further information.

Who Are We?

We are Christ's ambassadors and Citizens of Heaven, called out of the world to preach Heaven's message (*2 Corinthians 5:20, Philippians 3:20 and 2 Corinthians 6:17*).

We are a holy nation, a peculiar people, living in obedience to the simple teachings of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Holy Bible (*1 Peter 2:9*).

Why We Are Not Citizens of the World

1. **The Kingdom of Heaven** is God's nation established by Jesus Christ. *Luke 22:29*.
2. **Our citizenship** is in the Kingdom of Heaven. *Philippians 3:20*.
3. **No man can obey two nations.** *Matthew 6:24*.
4. **We expect to be held accountable** to the Laws from which we come. *Romans 14:12-13*.
5. **The law cannot demand the impossible**; it cannot require that we obey two nations. *Romans 14:4*
6. **The Supreme Law of the Kingdom of Heaven** is the Golden Rule. *Matthew 22:37-40*.
7. **The Kingdom of Heaven is available** to all who love and trust Jesus Christ. *John 14:23*.

Characteristics of Citizens of Heaven

- **Our word is true.** Our yes's are "yes," and our no's are "no" (*Matthew 5:37*).
- **Debt Free.** We owe no man anything but the continuing debt to love one another (*Romans 13:8*).

- **Married until parted by death.** There is no divorce and remarriage (*Luke 16:18*).
- **Parents instruct their children.** They are directly responsible for training them up in the Lord (*Ephesians 6:4*).
- **Known as a giver, not a taker.** We give and it is given back to us in good measure (*Luke 6:38*).
- **Love our enemies.** We do good to those who hate us. We bless them and pray for them (*Matthew 5:44*).
- **No lawsuits.** We do not seek courts of law as a remedy for wrongs done (*1 Corinthians 6:1-8*).
- **Busy storing treasures in Heaven.** Our heart is on the heavenly things, not on earthly treasures (*Matthew 6:20*).
- **Slow to anger.** We are mild mannered, forgiving one another and willing to be defrauded (*Ephesians 4:31-32*).
- **Treat others the way we want to be treated.** We put ourselves in the other one's shoes and respond accordingly (*Matthew 7:12*).
- **Seek first the Kingdom of Heaven.** We are not here to seek money, property, popularity, honors, or advantage. We diligently seek and promote the Kingdom of Heaven, trusting God to supply our every need (*Matthew 6:33*).
- **Separate from secular government.** We do not participate in worldly politics, elections, or debates about their governments (*2 Timothy 2:4*).
- **Our citizenship is in Heaven.** We acknowledge that the Kingdom of Heaven is God's Government and is the only one that is everlasting (*Philippians 3:20, Luke 1:33*).
- **Observe chain of command.** In the Church and in the family, we respect chain of command (*1 Peter 5, 1 Corinthians 11, Ephesians 6, Hebrews 13:17*). We follow our Shepherd and flee from strangers (*John 10:5, 27*).

WARNING: Counterfeit Christians

Watch out for men parading around as Christ's followers who are actually wolves in sheep's clothing. They might make the outside of the cup clean, but the inside is full of greed and wickedness. While they may look and speak like they know Christ, take a look at who created their office. For what one creates, one controls. (*Matthew 7:15, Luke 11:39*)

Military Chaplains – These people are hired by the armed forces to soothe the conscience of soldiers who kill, steal and commit other atrocities. How can they be Christ's representatives when Jesus taught us not to kill or steal, but to love our enemies? (*Matthew 5:44*)

“Christian” Politicians – They may claim to promote legislation that supports Christianity, but our laws have already been given in the Holy Bible. “For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.” (*Psalms 119:89*) Those who are part of the body politics of the world cannot also be part of the body of Christ. You cannot serve two masters. (*Matthew 6:24*) Jesus did not participate in Roman politics.

Teachers and Preachers of state-incorporated schools and churches – These people are officers of institutions that have sold out to the state. Jesus Christ no longer is the head. In the U.S., the attorney general is the head of state-incorporated entities and all secular laws must be obeyed as part of their state charter. In some nations, there are “state churches” and the king or queen is the “defender of the faith.” This puts a man or woman as head of the Church, instead of Jesus. To truly preach Christ's Kingdom message, we must come out from the world and be separate. (*2 Corinthians 6:17*)

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. Luke 12:32

Kingdom of Heaven Timeline

(Dates are approximate)

B.C. 4004

Adam and Eve are created in a perfect kingdom. But because of disobedience, they are thrown out. *Genesis 3:23-24*

B.C. 1921

Abraham leaves his original country and kin in search of the Promised Land. He is the father of all who will have God alone as their King. He is the seed of all who seek righteousness through faith rather than the law. *Genesis, Chapter 12; Romans 4:12-14*

B.C. 1490

Moses rejects the throne of Egypt and is called to have charge over the Church of the living God. “He refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt. . . By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.” *Hebrews 11:24-27*

B.C. 1450

Balaam the prophet, after 40 years in the wilderness, tells God’s people, “Lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.” *Numbers 23:9*

B.C. 1249-1209

Gideon is asked to rule over the people: “The men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son’s son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian.” But Gideon refused the offer and said unto them: “I will not rule over you; neither shall my son rule over you; the Lord shall rule over you.” *Judges 8:22-23*

B.C. 1117-1095

Samuel, a judge of Israel, is asked by the elders to appoint a king “to judge us like all the nations.” Asking for a king displeased Samuel, and the Lord said to Samuel, “They have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.” Saul is anointed king. *1 Samuel 8:6-8 and 1 Samuel 9*

B.C. 1095-587

After Saul, David, and Solomon reigned, Israel is divided into two kingdoms. The Ten Tribes that formed the kingdom of Israel take a course of apostasy, contention and regicide. From the terrors of anarchy they cry out, “We have no king.” *Hosea 10:3* Then the Lord offers Himself to them again saying, “They have fled from Me.” “O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help. I will be thy king.” *Hosea 7:13; 13:9-10* But they would not return and are carried captive to Assyria. The kingdom of Judah is also obliged to say, “We have no king” and had to go captive to Babylon, with her city and temple destroyed.

B.C. 745-695

Isaiah prophesies the Kingdom saying “For unto us a child is born... and the government shall be upon his shoulder... Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end... The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.” *Isaiah 9:6-7*

B.C. 606-561

King Nebuchadnezzar has a dream which Daniel interprets. The golden glory of Nebuchadnezzar’s kingdom would continue a little while. Then another will arise that will be inferior, followed by more divisions and kingdoms. At last the God of Heaven will “set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.” *Daniel 2:31-44*

Later, Daniel is thrown in the lions’ den for violating a royal statute forbidding the petitioning of any god or man except King Darius. But God delivers Daniel out of the lions’ mouth. Daniel is found innocent before God and man. “My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions’ mouths, that they have not hurt me:

forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. *Daniel 6:22*

(This establishes the precedent that those who disregard any manmade law that interferes with their service to God will be found innocent before God. See also Acts 5:29: "We ought to obey God rather than men.")

A.D. 25-30

John the Baptist prepares the way of the Lord saying, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. *Matthew 3:2*

Jesus begins to preach saying, "The time is come, and the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe the gospel (*Mark 1:15*). And He fulfills the scriptures in Isaiah and Daniel saying: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives. . . This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." *Luke 4:18-21*

Kingdom of Heaven is formally delivered to those that Jesus selected at the Constitutional Convention (Last Supper) (*Luke 22:29*).

A.D. 29-30

Jesus says to Pilate, "My Kingdom is not of this world. . . Thou saith that I am a King. . . for this cause came I into the world." But when Pilate says to the Jews, "Behold your King!" the Jews cry out, "We have no king but Caesar." *John 18:36-37; 19:14-15*

A.D. 30 to the present

The Apostles, after Christ's death and resurrection, eat and drink with Jesus in the Kingdom of Heaven, fulfilling *Luke 22:15-18*. They go on to preach the Kingdom, teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ. *Acts 10:41; 28:31*

Jesus invites you, “Come, follow me.”

As you answer His call to come out, the world won't understand. Jesus warned that even your family may reject you. Through the ages Christ's followers have been imprisoned, tortured and fed to the lions. Don't be surprised if it happens to you.

If ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation (behavior) in Christ. 1 Peter 3:14-16

The Kingdom is only a decision away. You will not walk alone, for Christ Himself will live in you and be your Guide.

Jesus said, “If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” John 14:23

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Thank you for visiting with the Kingdom of Heaven. If you would like to read more, visit our Embassy online at: www.EmbassyOfHeaven.com

This booklet provides documentation that the Kingdom of Heaven is the government of God and is operating in the earth today. It contains a brief history of the Kingdom, the nature and character of its citizens, and how they are different from the nations of the world.

You may have just had an encounter with someone who is a citizen of Heaven, or are interested in becoming one yourself.

Citizens of Heaven are not as unusual as you may think. There are people everywhere who have chosen to live a conservative, humble lifestyle outside the realm of modern society.

The one thing that sets them apart is their uncompromising commitment to the authority of Jesus Christ. Everything they do is done in the name of the Lord Jesus. Many consider state residency or citizenship in any worldly country to be impossible since they have already given their allegiance to Christ.

They choose to hold themselves to high moral standards, taking the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Sermon on the Mount as their standard of behavior. For this reason they avoid taking oaths or seeking revenge. Not only do they love their neighbor, but they also love their enemy.

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