

The Call to an Inner Circle Life

The King took me out of the church system some ten years ago, telling me that if I stayed there I wouldn't enter my destiny. Since then I have undergone intense reprogramming and retraining through revelation, downloads, plus the many prophetic messages I have personally received. In every case, what I had been shown in my spirit was confirmed by others around the world who had received the same instruction.

Here are some of the reprogramming I have received, approximately in the order I assented to them:

1. Righteous pleasure of loving God
2. Intimacy with each member of the Trinity
3. Oneness with the Trinity
4. Compliance with the Trinity's directives
5. Alignment with Heaven
6. Total dependency on the supply of Heaven through the Kingdom
7. Operating out of the Internal Kingdom
8. Relying on the King to meet all my personal needs (to totally satisfy me)
9. Hosting the King (carrying him and relating to him without religious activity)
10. The total sufficiency of the King inside me
11. Total surrender to the Trinity

And now, I'm being shown how to live the abundant life that all Christians have read about in the Bible and have highly desired. This life comes when a person lives what's called the "life of Christ"¹, which is living from our connection to the Internal Kingdom. Many in the past thought that the abundant life was automatically received when they were "born again", but this is not the case – and most never experienced it. A close inspection of Paul's teaching shows that, like him, we need to be taught by the Spirit how to live the Kingdom life as Father's sons. This is through the same life that Jesus of Nazareth had as he communed internally, in his spirit, with Father. Read Mike Parsons' article 'Being the Joshua Generation'² for a clearer understanding of this life that we have available to us.

Although I am receiving this Kingdom life training in the 21st century, it is not new. Jesus (the ascended man and King of all things) has been waiting patiently over the past two millennia for anyone who was willing to abandon their life to him. This is not for him, but to him. There's a huge difference between the two of these. "For him" is what you choose to do for God. "To him" is to die to yourself and give control of your life to him.

Here is a prophetic journal article from **1935** where he instructed a few people who were prepared to abandon their lives to him:

*"The joy of meeting me should more and more fill your lives. It will. Your lives must first of all be narrowed down, more and more, into an inner circle life with me (the three of us), and then, as that friendship becomes more and more engrossing, more and more binding, then, gradually, the circle of your interests will widen. For the present, do not think of it as a narrow life. I have my purpose, my loving purpose, in cutting you away from other work and interests, for the time. To work from large interests and a desire for great activities and world movements, to the inner circle life with me, is really the wrong way. That is why so often, when, through all these activities and interests, a soul finds me, I have to begin our friendship by cutting away the ties that bind it to the outer and wider circle. When it has gained strength, and learned its lesson in the inner circle, it can then widen its life, working this time from within out, taking them to each contact, each friendship, the inner circle influence. And this is to be your way of life. This is the way of the Spirit. Man so often misunderstands this."*³

1 – Colossians 3:4 (2 Timothy 1:1)

2 – freedomarc.blog/2019/12/06/271-being-the-joshua-generation

3 – A.J. Russell (1935) 'God Calling' (1953 edition) p:258-259 [NOTE: This book was reprinted in 2010]

(I suggest you get a copy of the current edition⁴ of this little 362-page book and read for yourself what our King has been wanting to say for the entirety of the New Covenant period to receptive followers.)

If we are going to be the people who manifest as the sons of God who creation is longing to appear so that it can be fully renewed, we will have to learn to live this “life of Christ”. There’s no short-cut to being prepared for what Father has planned for us in this. This life requires complete abandonment to the King, not complete involvement in church or Christian life. Paul put it this way:

Philippians 3:8-9a (The Living Bible) – *Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have put aside all else, counting it worth less than nothing, in order that I can have Christ, and become one with him*

I once thought, like most of the Christians that I knew back then, that “knowing Christ” was about having knowledge of him. This is what I was taught the expression “knowing Christ” meant. For me this resulted in lots and lots of Bible study so I could know more about Jesus. It also meant the prioritizing of prayer time and church time because that’s what I was taught would give me more knowledge of him. I now know that I have to know Jesus (the ‘Messiah’, ‘Christ’) personally, in an intimate way, and that only comes from how I relate to him, not what I do or read.

You see, everything that we decide to do for God comes from our natural man, no matter how pious the actions may appear. By contrast, the way Jesus operated was much different: “the Father who lives in Me does His work through me”⁵. From this you can see that the only activities that are sanctioned by Heaven, and which have eternal significance, are those that originate in Heaven. Although we are called to do good works,⁶ which we should not stop doing,⁷ these are not to be our focus. Our natural man (our base nature or Adamic nature) has to be reduced to nothing so that the life of the Trinity can flow through us into the world around us.

This brings us to the problem of the Gospels (plural). For over 200 years evangelical Christians have been promulgating the Gospel of Salvation which the NT is ignorant of. Paul refers to “the Gospel of Christ... the power of God to salvation”⁸, “the gospel of your salvation”⁹ and “salvation through the gospel”¹⁰. Jesus¹¹, John the Baptist¹², Phillip¹³ and Paul¹⁴ all preached and taught the Gospel of the Kingdom which is a whole lot bigger than the Gospel of Salvation. HOWEVER, the Gospel of the Kingdom is supposed to be the full gospel of the Kingdom of God, not some theological idea. To fully understand this, it may be better for us to begin to focus on the expanded idea of the Gospel of the Kingdom which Paul used: “the Gospel of Christ”¹⁵ or “the Gospel of God”¹⁶.

Focussing this way on our Gospel mandate will bring us more towards the centrality of Christ. Now this is not the Christ of the NT, nor is it Jesus of Nazareth or Messiah Jesus. It’s certainly the Gospel that Jesus taught, but it’s a Gospel about the good news of the King and the abundant life that he brings when he’s allowed to reign fully in us.

NOW: Read this – “Abundant Life Comes from the Internal Kingdom”
canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Abundant-Life-Comes-from-the-Internal-Kingdom.pdf
(Listen to the Audio that the summary was taken from)

4 – www.amazon.com.au/God-Calling-Devotional-J-Russell-ebook/dp/B007Y59RKI

5 – John 14:10 (NLT)

6 – Ephesians 2:10

7 – Titus 3:8, 14

8 – Romans 1:16 (NKJV)

9 – Ephesians 1:13 (NKJV)

10 – 2 Thessalonians 2:14 (TPT)

11 – Matthew 4:23; 9:35; 24:14; Mark 1:14

12 – Matthew 3:2

13 – Acts 8:12

14 – Acts 14:22; 19:8; 20:25; 28:23, 31

15 – Romans 1:16; 15:19, 29; 1 Corinthians 9:12, 18; 2 Corinthians 9:13; 10:14; Galatians 1:7; Philippians 1:27; 1 Thessalonians 3:2

16 – Romans 1:1; 2 Corinthians 11:7; 1 Thessalonians 2:8-9;



Having read what I've written (and listened to Josiah Bennett's teaching), one could think that according to my understanding of life in the Spirit, all of the Christians since the beginning of the 2nd century AD (when "The Way"¹⁷ became the Christian religion) have wasted their effort in how they followed Jesus. In fact, one could surmise that there's no guarantee that any of them made it to Heaven when they died.

Let me answer such a hypothetical set of thoughts this way:

Firstly, each person is accountable to the Lord and Judge for their lives. He evaluates them, not me. I cannot comment on this. No one should focus on that question – it's irrelevant in the Kingdom.

Secondly, religion is not the way that Father intended for his redeemed children to function on the Earth. He never set up the Christian religion, people did that, straight after the Apostles died. People were even trying to do it while the Apostles were still alive, as exemplified by the efforts of the Judaizers¹⁸, Nicolaitans¹⁹, Simon the Sorcerer²⁰ (Simon Magnus), and Jezebel²¹. You see, in ancient times worshipping the gods through religion was the normal way divinity was served. Moving to a religion-free system that the Spirit set up for the first believers in Jesus would have been totally foreign for converts of all types. The tug back into a religious form would have been absolutely intense.

Thirdly, religion and legalism bind people to false doctrines of every sort, killing the freedom and liberty which the 1st century believers lived under.

Fourthly, the theology that the church teaches, and has taught, has some truths, but there are spiritual realities that they have missed and a lot they have misunderstood. All misconceptions lead us away from the true life that sons are to live in the Kingdom, putting us at odds with the Trinity.

Fifthly, grace has been in place since the NC came in. This means that Father can bless in a limited way the works set up by people that are intended to be service for him. He may not approve of everything that's done, but grace inhibits him from doing what he did to the rebellious Israelites. However, we've presumed on this grace and done our own thing, over and over again. The time is coming, by the way, when grace will cease.

Remember this:

Matthew 7:21-23 (TPT²²) – *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter into the realm of heaven’s kingdom. It is only those who persist in doing the will of my heavenly Father. On the day of judgment many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, don’t you remember us? Didn’t we prophesy in your name? Didn’t we cast out demons and do many miracles for the sake of your name?’ But I will have to say to them, ‘Go away from me, you lawless rebels! I’ve never been joined to you!’”*



Also, one could come to the conclusion that the Gospel of Jesus Christ that I have written about in this article is not an attractive one to offer to non-believers. Well, that's true. The Gospel of God is not one that people are drawn to. It's about dying to self, surrendering control of your life, letting God do what he wants, facing martyrdom, etc. This is why the Gospel of Salvation is always used with non-believers: "Give your life to Jesus and you'll go to Heaven, not hell, when you die". Get the picture?

17 – Acts 9:2; 19:9, 23; 24:14

18 – Philippians 3:2-6

19 – Revelation 2:6, 15

20 – Acts 8:9-25

21 – Revelation 2:20

22 – The Passion Translation

However, Jesus gave a warning to those who wanted to come into his Kingdom. They must make a decision as to whether it's worth the move or not because they have to give up everything to do it.²³

Luke 14:26-33 (GW²⁴) – *“If people come to me and are not ready to abandon their fathers, mothers, wives, children, brothers, and sisters, as well as their own lives, they cannot be my disciples. So those who do not carry their crosses and follow me cannot be my disciples.*

“Suppose you want to build a tower. You would first sit down and figure out what it costs. Then you would see if you have enough money to finish it. Otherwise, if you lay a foundation and can't finish the building, everyone who watches will make fun of you. They'll say, 'This person started to build but couldn't finish the job.'

“Or suppose a king is going to war against another king. He would first sit down and think things through. Can he and his 10,000 soldiers fight against a king with 20,000 soldiers? If he can't, he'll send ambassadors to ask for terms of peace while the other king is still far away.

“In the same way, none of you can be my disciples unless you give up everything.”



THE SOLUTION

We all need to engage the move to the inner life where our King lives through. It starts when we've given him permission to rule our person. This life-change is not a fear thing – not based on the fear of displeasing God because we're not there yet. Fear is a tool of the enemy, however, Father likes to draw us and our Beloved likes to woo us. The start on the road to the abundant life of the internal Kingdom happens when we say yes to the King having complete rule of our lives. The next step is to ask him to draw you into the reality of that life. Asking is the best way because it will result in him doing it, not us, which will end up being a work of the flesh. Position yourself expectantly every day so he can draw you and prepare you for the transformation. It will take time because your natural life needs to be over-ridden by his life and that's not easy.

We also need to remember that the Kingdom functions the way the King wants it to, irrespective of our desires and demands. If we think we can circumvent the Kingdom's supervisory role of the natural realm and do things our own way we are deluded. However, this is what many Christians think they can do, saying, “I want to do things my way”. To access the Kingdom's benefits we must align with the Kingdom and surrender our will to the King. It doesn't happen any other way. The example of the Israelites and the Jews of Jesus' day shows us that deviating from God's way so we can do what we want doesn't get us the benefits.

The other thing to remember is that no one really comes back into Father's family (i.e. enters the Kingdom) unless he draws them to his Son.²⁵ This is the way the Kingdom was set up and we can't change it. Our job then is to be looking for those the Spirit is showing us is being drawn by Father and make ourselves available to talk to them about the Kingdom as we are given the words to say. Not everyone will respond positively, but it's not our business to force them. This causes a dilemma for us in regards to those we love, but the reality of the Kingdom and the way it operates can't be manipulated to fit our intentions.

So, focus on your own inner life and be about father's business impacting the world for his Son. That's our priority.

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23 – Luke 14:26-33

24 – GOD'S WORD Translation

25 – John 6:44