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ETERNAL LIFE – KINGDOM LIVING

We will live with far more purpose, passion, hope, and influence in the present if we shift our focus to eternity

Luke 18:29-31 (NKJV) *So He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, 30 who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life.”*

A lot of people think when Jesus walked the earth he created an environment where people could do and be whoever they wanted. False!! False!! False!! He spoke clearly about what it looked like to follow him which involved turning their backs on sin. His Love was fierce and his love was perfect. Sin keeps us from seeing, feeling, and knowing the life he has for us. We can't see, feel, or know until we bow in surrender and make him Lord and when that happens grace flood our souls and the impossible finally becomes possible. It is possible to live a life of victory like Jesus promised us!! – Brian Johnson

Matthew 4:17 (AMP) *From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, regret past sins, live your life in a way that proves repentance; seek God’s purpose for your life], for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

1 Timothy 6:12 (AMP) *Fight the good fight of the faith [in the conflict with evil]; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and [for which] you made the good confession [of faith] in the presence of many witnesses.*

John 4:10, 13-14 (AMP) *Jesus answered her, “If you knew [about] God’s gift [of eternal life], and who it is who says, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him [instead], and He would have given you living water (eternal life).” 13 Jesus answered her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. 14 But whoever drinks the water that I give him will never be thirsty again. But the water that I give him will become in him a spring of water [satisfying his thirst for God] welling up [continually flowing, bubbling within him] to eternal life.”*

This well produces a joy that “bubbles up” from within us

REDEEMED BY BLOOD FROM THIS WORLD (of troubles)

1 Corinthians 8:6 (AMP) *yet for us there is but one God, the Father, who is the source of all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things [that have been created], and we [believers exist and have life and have been redeemed] through Him.*

1 Peter 1:17-19 (AMP) *If you address as Father, the One who impartially judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves in [reverent] fear [of Him] and with profound respect for Him throughout the time of your stay on earth. 18 For you know that you were not redeemed from your useless [spiritually unproductive] way of life inherited [by tradition] from your forefathers with perishable things like silver and gold, 19 but [you were actually purchased]*

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with precious blood, like that of a [sacrificial] lamb unblemished and spotless, the priceless blood of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:17 (AMP) *For our momentary, light distress [this passing trouble] is producing for us an eternal weight of glory [a fullness] beyond all measure [surpassing all comparisons, a transcendent splendor and an endless blessedness]!*

Revelation 14:3 (AMP) *And they sang a new song before the throne [of God] and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased (ransomed, **redeemed**) from the earth.*

WHEN WE LISTEN TO THE RIGHT VOICES WE MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES

Perception is vital to our walk here in this life. Too many voices rob us of a heavenly perspective.

We tend to listen to the voices of doubt, fear, worry, anxiety, even “reason” instead of inquiring of the Lord and listening to what He says

Numbers 7:89 (NKJV) *Now when Moses went into the tabernacle of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice of One speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim; thus He spoke to him.*

2 Chronicles 26:5 (AMP) *He continued to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding through the vision of God; and as long as he sought (inquired of, longing for) the Lord, God caused him to prosper.*

John 16:13 (NKJV) *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

We tend to look at the here and now instead of realizing that this world is temporary and troubles therein are also temporary.

Matthew 6:31-33 (AMP) *Therefore do not worry or be anxious (perpetually uneasy, distracted), saying, ‘What are we going to eat?’ or ‘What are we going to drink?’ or ‘What are we going to wear?’ 32 For the [pagan] Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; [but do not worry,] for your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But first and most importantly seek (aim at, strive after) His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right—the attitude and character of God], and all these things will be given to you also.*

We need to learn to look at an eternal perspective

Jeremiah 29:11-14 (NLT) *For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. 12 In those days when you pray, I*

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will listen. 13 If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. 14 I will be found by you,” says the Lord. “I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land.”

So make a decision today to shift your focus from that of the temporal to the eternal hope that lies in living in the Kingdom of Heaven, here and now.