

# How You Can Enter God's Rest

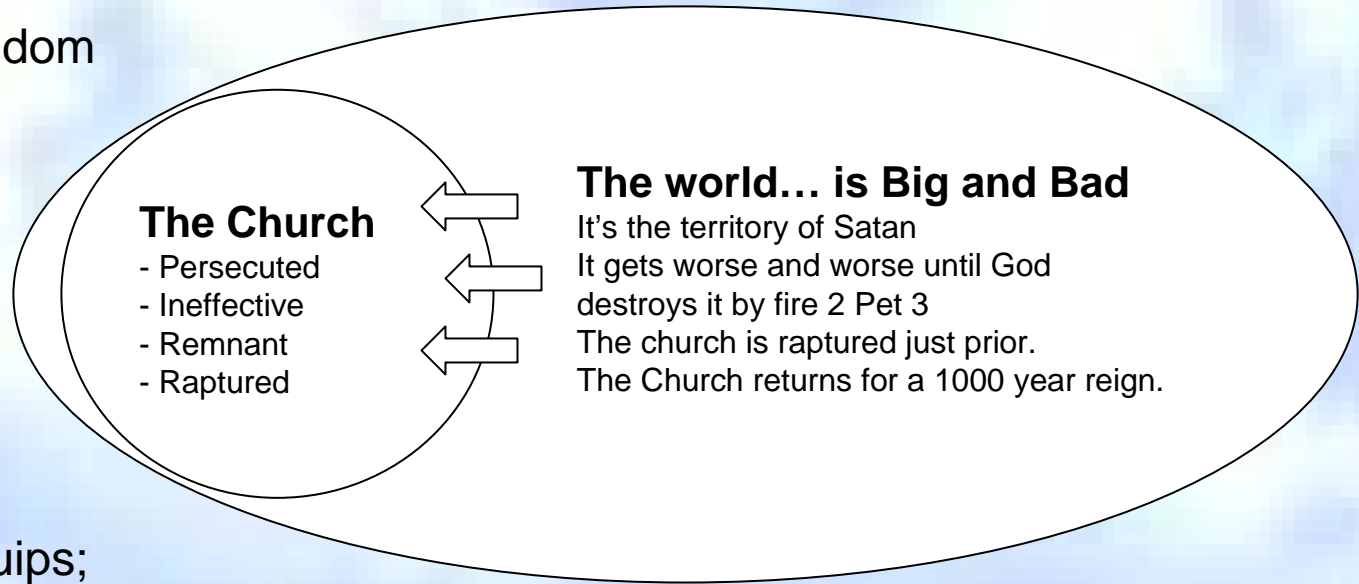
Heb 4:8-11

8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. 9 There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; 10 for anyone who enters God's rest also **rests from his own work**, just as God did from his. 11 Let us, therefore, **make every effort to enter that rest**, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.

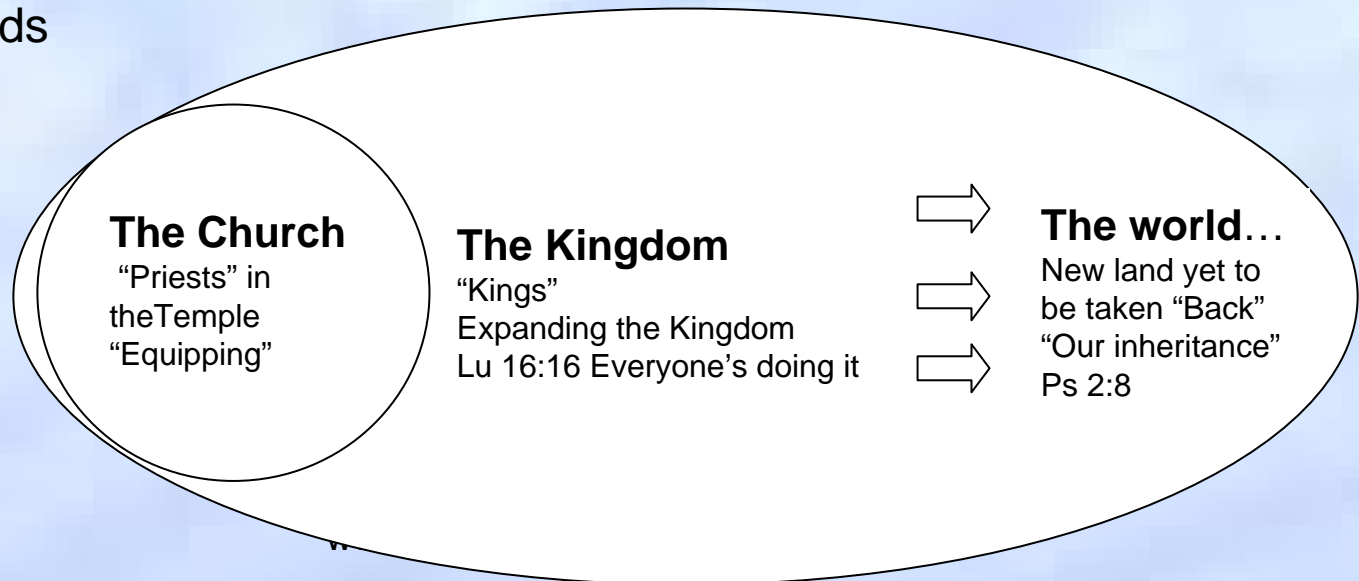
Gen 12:2-3

# Start with the Concept – of the Kingdom

Church = Kingdom



The Church Equips;  
Kingdom expands



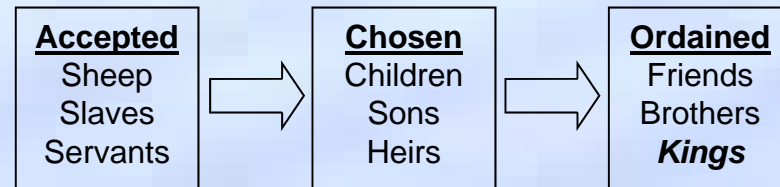
## Discerning Our Hearts

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to **dividing soul and spirit**, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Heb 4:12-13

## How We Mature in Jesus

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and **only a few find it**. Matt 7:13-14

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. 10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might **have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**, Jn 10:9-10 KJV (see also Jn 3:16-17, Jn 6:33,51)



# Moving From Servant to Friend (Rest)

**I no longer call you servants**, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, **I have called you friends**, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-fruit that will last. **Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.** 17 This is my command: Love each other. John 15:15-17

*(See also Jn 14:13, 15:7-8, 16:23-24)*

## ***What the World Doesn't know***

*You will show me **the path of life**; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Ps 16:11 NKJV*

# Maturity - You Can Trust Your Heart

Ezek 36:25-27 KJV (See also Heb 8:10, 10:16)

25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26 ***A new heart also will I give you***, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Ps 37:4 Delight yourself in the LORD and he **will give you the desires of your heart.**

Ps 20:4 4 May he **give you the desire of your heart** and make all your plans succeed.

Ps. 37:31 The **law of God is in his heart**; his feet do not slip.

# Healthy Envy – Your 1<sup>st</sup> Hint

One of the early signs that God is unveiling your heart's desire is that you see someone else doing your heart's desire... you'll be drawn to emulate that person. When you see someone with a calling, gifting, and anointing similar to your own, you naturally will gravitate toward them. You'll experience a healthy envy that draws you into their anointing. They are examples the Lord is showing you to pull you into your own destiny. Let your envy work its way into mentoring. We are drawn into their anointing by the Holy Spirit. Godly mentors don't focus on accountability; they focus on making you a success and letting you hold yourself accountable – connecting with the desires God put in your heart.

***Follow my example***, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Cor 11:1

*...for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. Therefore I urge you to **imitate me**.* 1 Cor 4:15-16

Join with others in ***following my example***, brothers Phil 3:17

***You became imitators*** of us and of the Lord 1 Thess 1:6

*We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves **a model for you to follow**.* 2 Thess 3:9

*We do not want you to become lazy, but to **imitate those** who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.* Heb 6:12

# The Results

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits-- 3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, 5 **who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.** Ps 103:2-5

# The One Question God Asks Every King

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, **"Ask! What shall I give you?"** 1 Kings 3:5 NKJV

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, **"Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?"** "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. 2 Kings 2:9