

FOUNDATIONS, "GROWING IN KNOWING" LESSON 3

Intro. Tonight we are concluding our series on growing in knowing who we are and what we have in Christ.

Colossians 1:10 (NIV) And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, *growing in the knowledge of God.*

2 Peter 3:18 (NKJV) but *grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...*

- *Tonight we're going to focus on growing in knowing another area that is vital to our lives*
- *This will mean the difference between us surviving or thriving*

Luke 12:32 (NKJV) Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you *the Kingdom.*

Romans 5:17 (NKJV) For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will *reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.*

I. AS GOD'S CHILDREN WE ARE PART OF HIS KINGDOM AND WE'RE _____

A. WE NEED TO _____ WHAT IT MEANS TO REIGN IN LIFE

Hebrews 12:28 (NLT) Since *we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable*, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe.

- *Our reigning is meant to be a very real and constant part of our lives*

B. THE KINGDOM IS _____ AND NOT JUST _____

Luke 17:20-21 (NKJV)

20 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation;

21 nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, ***the kingdom of God is within you.***"

Luke 11:2 (NKJV) So He said to them, "***When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.***"

- *We're meant to bring the Kingdom into our lives now*
- *That prayer has force in it*
- *It literally means, "Come now Kingdom of God!"*

ex. *"Into my life, my family, my needs..."*

C. REIGNING IN LIFE MEANS WE DON'T LIVE _____

- *We don't have to just settle for the circumstances we're in*

Matthew 10:7-8 (NKJV)

7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

1. Reigning in life means we learn to _____ instead of _____

Luke 12:22 (NKJV) Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on.

- a. Jesus is giving a sermon about trusting instead of worrying and says, "Don't worry about your life."
- b. He tells us how

Luke 12:32 (NKJV) Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

- c. We are part of His Kingdom and He can change our circumstances

Luke 11:2-3 (NKJV)

2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. **Your kingdom come.** Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

3 Give us **day by day** our daily bread.

- *He's talking about having a daily dependence on Him*
- *His Kingdom is with us to help us day by day*

D. IF WE KNOW WE'RE PART OF THE KINGDOM HOW WE LOOK AT _____ WILL CHANGE

Romans 5:3-4 (KJV)

3 And not only so, but **we glory in tribulations also: knowing** that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope.

- *There's a progression here; from tribulation to patience, from patience to experience and from experience to hope*
- *We have the power of the Kingdom of God working in us*
- *Knowing that will change how we look at circumstances*

E. FINALLY, BEING PART OF THE KINGDOM MEANS THE RIGHT TO USE _____

Revelation 19:16 (NKJV) And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

1. Jesus is _____ and Lord of Lords

Revelation 1:5-6 (NKJV)

5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

6 and **has made us kings and priests** to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- a. When the Bible says Jesus is King of kings we are part of that title because He has made us kings and priests to God; He's our King (King of kings; meaning us!)
- b. The word "kings" being used for us is more than ceremonial; it's practical
- c. We are called to rule and reign with Christ; to have authority and dominion in our world

2. One of the ways we express our authority is by using the name of Jesus _____

Luke 10:17-20 (NKJV)

17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "**Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.**"

18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

3. We have the _____ to use His name

Philippians 2:9-10 (NIV)

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

- a. His name is above every other name; it's above every circumstance we face, every sickness, every need

John 14:14 (NKJV)

If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

ex. *Using the name of Jesus isn't just a nice way to close our prayer time. In other words we don't say, "in Jesus' name" instead of saying, "the end!"*

When we pray in Jesus' name we are enlisting all the authority and power of the Kingdom of God in our prayers.

*We need to **know** this. There is tremendous power released when we pray "in Jesus' name."*

- *The most powerful name and prayer we can ever pray is Jesus!*
- *There's power in His name over fear, doubt, disappointment, need, lack, sickness*
- *His name is ABOVE every other name*
- *Whatever circumstance we face; it is under His name!*

PRAYER AND CONFESSION: *Thank You Jesus, for giving me the right to reign in life. I will not live under my circumstances. You have given me authority over all the power of the enemy and dominion in life. I will pray confidently using the family name, the name above every name, the name of Jesus, Amen.*

FILL IN THE BLANKS FROM LESSON #3

I. AS GOD'S CHILDREN WE ARE PART OF HIS KINGDOM AND WE'RE _____ (CALLED TO REIGN)!

A. WE NEED TO (GROW IN KNOWING) WHAT IT MEANS TO REIGN IN LIFE

B. THE KINGDOM IS ___ (NOW) AND NOT JUST ___ (LATER)

C. REIGNING IN LIFE MEANS WE DON'T LIVE ("UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES")

1. Reigning in life means we learn to ___ (pray about stuff) instead of ___ (worrying about stuff)

D. IF WE KNOW WE'RE PART OF THE KINGDOM HOW WE LOOK AT _____ (OUR CIRCUMSTANCES) WILL CHANGE

E. FINALLY, BEING PART OF THE KINGDOM MEANS THE RIGHT TO USE ___(THE FAMILY NAME)

1. Jesus is ___(**King of kings**) and Lord of Lords
2. One of the ways we express our authority is by using the name of Jesus ___(**in prayer**)
3. We have the ___(**privilege and right**) to use His name