

GROUP NOTES

MY FAVOURITES

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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WELCOME

- What has been positive about the past week? Any good news? What are you thankful for? Have you got a testimony of what God has done?

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Romeine 14:17 (1953) - Want die koninkryk van God is nie spys en drank nie, maar geregtigheid en vrede en blydschap in die Heilige Gees.

Romans 14:17 - For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

- What would be your definition of the word 'kingdom'?
 - What would you say is the role of a king in his kingdom?
 - What would you say is the role of the people living in a kingdom?
- ❖ Info: 'Kingdom' - Original Word - Greek: βασιλεία (basileia) Definition: kingship, authority, rule, especially of God, both in the world, and in the hearts of men; The kingdom (basileía) is constantly used in connection with the rule of Christ in the hearts of believers. *The Kingdom of God is God's rulership NOW in the heart of man, but also in the FUTURE – a place prepared for us after judgement.*

RIGHTEOUSNESS. We are in 'right standing' with God because of the blood and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. As we live holy lives and stay away from intentional habitual sin we live 'righteously' and that's the will of The King for me!

- Would you say that you are 'righteous'? Why or why not?
- Why would you say 'righteousness' is part of God's Kingdom?

PEACE. The peace of God does not come with financial security, physical security, world peace or the absence of conflict. The peace of God is an internal calmness & restfulness, in the absence of worry, anxiety, fear and stress, based on the presence of God and trust in Him.

- What gives you 'peace' in life?
- How does the peace the world offers differ from the peace God gives?
- Would you say you are experiencing God's peace in your life? Why?

JOY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. Once again – not the kind of temporal joy or happiness the world gives, but constant divine joy not based on circumstances, but given by Jesus.

- What gives you 'joy' in life?

Read the following scriptures:

John 15:11

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

James 1:2-4

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Psalms 19:8

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

Psalms 30:11

You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

Psalms 43:4

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight.

- How does the joy the world offers differ from the joy God gives?
- What did God say to you through this study?

➤ Pray for each other, friends, family and the unsaved.