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Simply stated, the Kingdom of GOD is what Jesus Christ is coming back for.

Throughout history, GOD Almighty, Creator of all things, has desired and deserved love, honor, glorification, praise, and obedience – all directed towards Him.¹ His original creation, although designed for that purpose, was delayed due to the sinful choice of mankind.² Man, who was originally given dominion over the creation, forfeited that in exchange for momentary pleasure (enjoying sin for a season in the form of a forbidden fruit).³

Throughout the centuries, GOD has been working to re-establish what was His original desire through a series of covenants (solemn promises between two or more parties).⁴ His plan includes many things but primarily the restoration of what He originally desired: mankind, along with all of the creation, living for GOD's pleasure forever. Through the sacrificial death of GOD's anointed son, Jesus, man can again have the opportunity to have access to GOD.⁵

The day is coming when everything wrong with the world today will be made right forever: there will be righteous political rule; peace and no more war; suffering or death; no tears; peace between animals and mankind and (personally, the greatest part of life in this age to come) perfected bodies without sin which can serve GOD perfectly forever.⁶ Evil will be defeated, the earth will be rejuvenated, and in the end, GOD Himself will dwell with man upon the earth!⁷ This all begins when Jesus returns from his current place at the right hand of GOD and will continue forever.⁸

How do you get there?

This is open to all mankind, but one must have faith to enter into the covenant agreement with GOD through Christ. Faith is one's complete trust in and belief that these promises are true and will come to pass. Also, it is the belief that the GOD Who has made this plan is the GOD Who has power over death, as was shown in the resurrection of His son, Jesus. If one believes the things that GOD has said are true and that the words of Jesus are as well, this should lead to his faithful obedience to the words of Jesus. After all his words are the "terms" of the covenant that GOD is making with all mankind in these last days.⁹ This would lead to a change from one's old life of which each was his own lord, to a new life based upon the words of Christ and modeled after his example of love and service to GOD first and then to man.¹⁰ Simply stated, to get to the Kingdom of GOD, one must endeavor to live how he or she will be living then: free from sin, in obedience to GOD, love towards all, and glorification and praise of GOD manifested daily. Even if one dies before the triumphant return of the King of the Kingdom, GOD promises the faithful will be resurrected in that day!¹¹

¹ Ephesians 1:3-6

² Genesis 3

³ Genesis 1-3

⁴ Genesis 9; Gen. 12-17; Exodus 19-20; Psalm 89; Jeremiah 33:19-26; Isaiah 59:21; Jeremiah 31:31-37; Ezekiel 34:20-31; Ezekiel 37:20-31; Matthew 26:28; John 12-16

⁵ John 3:16

⁶ Isaiah 11; Revelation 21:4

⁷ Isaiah 65:17; II Peter 3:13; Matthew 5:8; Revelation 21:3

⁸ Psalm 110; Revelation 11:17

⁹ Romans 10:9 & 10

¹⁰ Matthew 4:17; John 13:34 & 35

¹¹ I Corinthians 15

GOD is very loving, merciful, kind, and just. Understanding His goodness should lead one to changing to live for Him with everything they have.¹²

What is the alternative?

Pleasure, excitement, thrill, glee, along with pain, suffering, torment, sickness, death, despair, and destruction are the alternative. Living for one's self rather than living for the One Who created you and His son who died for you is characterized by momentary fulfillment. However, it is important to understand that it ends in eventual destruction. When GOD's Kingdom comes, those who love Him with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength in this life will be resurrected to continue doing that forever and in that day, perfectly. If one does not live that way in this life now, he is choosing to not do it in the age to come either. Since all that will exist on the earth in the coming age will be holy and for GOD's pleasure, those who chose disobedience and death rather than faithfulness and life will be destroyed.¹³

How do you get there?

One can get to the alternative option presented to mankind in this life simply by remaining in a covenant relationship with the world and the things of the world until he receives the end of that covenant, the fulfillment of the promise of death.¹⁴ The reality of mankind's situation is that there are two choices presented, life or death.¹⁵ Obeying the words of Jesus Christ is choosing life whereas death is chosen by obeying the desire of sin and by heeding the words of the standards for living set by the world (not GOD).

This is the message that was preached by Jesus (Matthew 4:17, 23; Luke 4:43), his twelve disciples (Luke 9), his other disciples (Luke 10), and the Apostle Paul (Acts 28:30-31).

Those who hear and heed Jesus' words *today* will hear his voice in the last day when he calls up from the dead those who are his!

John 5:25-30
Revelation 2:26

¹² Romans 12:1 & 2

¹³ Revelation 22:11

¹⁴ Romans 6:23

¹⁵ Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Romans 6