

# Do I know the secret of God's Kingdom – am I living in it?

Mark 4:11 (Jesus)...**To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God...**

Vine's Dictionary says Kingdom means where God reigns and has dominion (over me).

Mark 1:14 **Jesus came...preaching the gospel (good news) of the kingdom of God,**

Acts 28:30-31 **Paul...preaching the kingdom of God...**

Preach what? Matt 13:19 (Jesus) **When anyone hears the word of the kingdom...**

Preach how? 1 Pe 1:12 **Those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit**

Where is it? Luke 17:20-21 (Jesus) **The kingdom of God does not come with (natural) observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For in fact, the kingdom of God is within you, in your heart (in your re-born spirit) - AMP...**

How do I get in it? **1. Your spirit that has died to God due to sin must first be born again:**

John 3:3 (Jesus) **...Unless one is born again, they cannot see the kingdom of God** (with the eye of their re-born heart, but they, their will, is not yet living in it).

1 Pe 1:23 **...Being born again...by the (first) word of God** (they believed in their hearts, not their heads, a word forgiving their sins because Christ died for them).

**2. Matt 18:3 (Jesus) ...Unless you are converted (born again) and become as little children (willing now to obey the Father of your re-born spirit) you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven** (God will then give me His Holy Spirit - for)

Rom 14:17 **The kingdom of God is...in the Holy Spirit** (ruling me in my spirit. and:)

Acts 5:32 **God gives the Holy Spirit to those who are willing to obey Him** (and:).

Mat 5:3 **Blessed are those who see their need for God, theirs is the kingdom...**

**3. To remain in God's Kingdom – under His dominion, I simply must continue to obey Him: Matt 7:21 (Jesus) Not everyone who calls Me Lord (owner) will enter (or stay in) the kingdom of heaven, but those who do the will of My Father...**

How can I? Ezek 36:27 **I will put My Spirit in you and cause you...to obey Me**

My human nature can't get in it: 1 Cor 15:50 **...Flesh and blood** (everything I am naturally, including my natural brain) **cannot inherit the kingdom of God;**

Religious people don't enter and try to keep others out of it: Mat 23:13 (Jesus) **Pharisees hypocrites. You shut up the kingdom of heaven against others; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are about to enter to go in.**

Our mission? Luke 9:2 **He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and heal the sick.**

Knowing this: Col 1:13 **He has delivered us from the power of darkness and has translated us (with a new nature) into the kingdom of the Son of His love,**

And this: Rom 8:1 **There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus (that is, in the Kingdom, meaning), who do not walk according to the flesh (our human nature) but according to (in obedience to and by) the Spirit.**