

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Covenant. Christ Jesus. Entering In. Abiding In. Priesthood.



CRITICAL BIBLICAL THINKING | LESSON 1

Do you believe that God Himself can, does, and will help you personally connect the dots to get you to His truth?	
Do you believe that Satan is real and active in this world today?	
Do you somehow think that Satan is going to be ethically, morally and spiritually <i>fair</i> ?	
Do you believe that people may be deceived?	
Do you think that the Bible teaches that people can fall away from being in the faith? If you have a Bible app, I encourage you to search using the words: deceived and falling away. What Scriptures did you find? Have you heard that explained away by calling them “false converts”?	
Read Matthew 7	
Is the gospel that you have heard center around God’s love? Do you think that the Bible says that God would compromise His holy, righteous and just nature?	
Are you guilty of attributing good characteristics to a created being (Satan) that has no good characteristics?	
If Jesus said the road is narrow and few find it, how does that line up with what you have been told about “just believe and you will be saved”?	
Have you ever questioned what gospel Jesus is preaching (because it’s the same Gospel we are to preach)?	
Have you ever studied what Jesus said, and did, and taught His disciples?	
Have you studied the book of Acts and looked at what the apostles said and did?	
Do you realize that what we read in Acts is the establishment of the foundation of this New Covenant of the Gospel of the Kingdom?	
Did you know that every letter that followed the foundation set in Acts is addressing either encouragement or correction regarding their belief in Christ Jesus, their understanding of how they entered in, or even what the kingdom is --both from a spiritual aspect, but also from a physical aspect in the here and now of life?	
Is the “gospel” about escaping from hell? Or, is “the gospel” about entering the kingdom of God, and specifically access to the Father, coming through God the Son and being empowered by God the Holy Spirit? Your answer determines whether or not you have been preached the right gospel.	
Have you been taught that Jesus made some very specific statements regarding how someone enters this kingdom? Have you read John 3 and brushed off what Jesus said as <u>not</u> being literal or even automatic upon “belief”?	
Does the WHOLE Bible <i>really</i> teach that faith is something we think, say, or believe? Or, is what Scripture says something <u>more</u> than that?	
Jesus specifically said that one must be born again, what IS born again Biblically?	
What is the difference between reading and studying the Bible through the lens of teachers and pastors who only understand the word of God through Greek thinking vs through Hebraic thinking? Why might that be important? If you don’t know, that’s OK – begin to ask God to show you.	
Did you know that only one author of the Scriptures we read was not Jewish?	
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Does the fact that the New Testament is written in the Greek language mean that it's a Greek gospel?	
Have you ever pondered why it's important to know that Scripture is written by Jewish men, inspired by a Jewish God?	
Do you agree Scripturally that Christ Jesus is the Messiah of the Jewish nation?	
Did you know that when Jesus came, He came for the Jews?	
Did you know that for the first ten years after the Holy Spirit came upon the believers in the upper room that the gospel was spoken to the Jew and that the Church consisted of Jews and <u>not</u> Gentiles?	
Did you know that Cornelius and his family were the first non-Jewish (Gentile) people to have the gospel of the Kingdom opened up to them?	
Did you know that the New Covenant is deeply rooted in the Jewish faith and that it comes from Christ fulfilling the requirements of the Old Covenant?	
Who is Constantine and what did he do to our foundation?	
Who is St. Augustine? Where did he study? Although heralded as one of the "fathers of the Reformation" do you know anything he did?	
What did Martin Luther do? Was it a good thing? Yes But did you know that he despised Jews? (research this)	
Have you ever studied what Covenant is to our God?	
Can you name an unconditional Covenant? (see Genesis 9)	
Go to BibleGateway.com and using the search menu, type in "the gospel". I teach and study from the NASB and it shows up 93 times. Then, type in "the gospel of Jesus Christ": it only shows up twice – go read Mark 1:1 and 2 Thessalonians 1:8. If you want to go further look at "the Gospel of God", "the gospel of the kingdom" and "the gospel of heaven".	
What does Genesis 1:1 say?	
What does Genesis 1:26 say?	
Read Genesis 2:15-17	
Read Hosea 6:7	
What is a covenant? Look at the English Dictionary and Go to BibleHub.com, type in the word "covenant", click the blue link for NT, look at Hebrews 9:15 (or others), once that pulls up, in the upper menu click interlin, click the blue number 1242 above the phrase "of a covenant", then look at the HELPS Word Studies. It should say this: between two parties, and it is a set agreement that has specific terms that are determined by whoever initiates a covenant. But even those terms, when it comes to covenant are fully affirmed by whoever enters the agreement.	
What is inaugurated? Follow the same process as above with BibleHub.com, look at the interlinear Bible at Hebrews 9:18 and click on the blue number 1457	
What "terms" does the Bible say are in the New Covenant? See John 3:3-8	
Who did God the Father use to initiate the New Covenant?	
What is a mediator? Follow the same process as above with BibleHub.com, look at the interlinear Bible at Hebrews 8:6 and click on the blue number 3316 and look at the HELPS Word Study – it should say that a mediator is one who <i>guarantees the performance of all the terms stipulated</i> in a covenant.	
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Last, and finally one of the MOST important things you should be asking: Does Cheryl Muecke have a Statement of Faith and is that SOF backed up by a MULTITUDE of Scriptures? Go to: MrsCherylM.com and locate the tab for beliefs	
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