

“Thy Courts Above – Thy Courses Below” Luke 17:14-21

“Because the kingdom of God is within you”

- A believer is sealed to His courts above and His courses below.

**The Essence of living to His courts above and His courses below: The leper’s response:**

Vs 15-16 “praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him.”

1. Lauding your salvation
  2. Loving your Savior fiercely
  3. Living a redeemed life.
- 2Peter 3:11 “you ought to live holy and godly lives.”

**Truths of the Kingdom of God (or Heaven)**

1. **Kingdom of God: Any time, any place where God’s sovereignty, power or glory are manifest.** Leper’s healing was apparent and obvious to all.
2. **Kingdom of God: Any time God’s indwelling Spirit testifies to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.** Leper’s response to his healing – praised God....
3. **Kingdom of God: we experience and for unbelievers to witness in our lives.**

In Jesus there’s always a ‘present’ reality of the Kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:3,10)

Kingdom of God: Not something of this world. Isaiah 33:22 “For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; it is he who will save us.”

**Truth: In Christ, you are born of God and born into the kingdom of God.** 1John 5:1

“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.”

- “Sealed to thy courts above” 2Corinthians 1:20-22
- This life is to be lived in preparation for the Kingdom of heaven. Philippians 3:20

**Truth: In Christ, you are born of God and born unto the kingdom of God.** Colossians

2:9-10 “For in Christ Jesus all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form...”

- In Christ, the kingdom of God is first indwelt in us then personified through us.
- **Response and Responsibility:** “Sealed to thy courses below” Matthew 5:14-16
- **Nothing can stop the work and the witness.** 2Corinthians 2:14-16

**Is Jesus real to me?**

Do I seek and long for Christ’s transformation within me? Romans 12:2

Do I surrender all and live a surrendered life? Luke 9:23-24

Do I trust his word implicitly and obey his commands? John 15:18

Do I rely on my strength or his indwelling power? Acts 1:8

Do I desire to abide completely in him? John 15:5

Do I weep over sin and have contempt for my own unrighteousness? Psalm 51:3

Do I long for the public life and avoid private times with God? Psalm 91:1

**Can Jesus be seen in me?**

Am I bearing the evidence of good fruit? Galatians 5:22-23

Am I living a life of grace and truth? John 1:14

Am I boastful or humble in speech and conduct? Philippians 2:3

Am I teachable and open to correction? A.C.T. Psalm 141:5

Am I serving others and displaying a servant’s heart? Matthew 20:28

Am I glorifying God with my speech and conduct? 1Corinthians 10:31

Am I blessing to all those who know or meet me? John 7:38

Let us be among those who live to “Thy courts above and to Thy courses below!”