



SON OF HEAVEN

Disciples of the Son of Heaven

Am I,
in reality,
a disciple
of the
Son of
Heaven?

Am I
pursuing
understanding
of God's will and
ways as I meet
with him in
Scripture?

Am I
partnering with
the Holy Spirit
in the ongoing
process of inner
formation?

Am I
cultivating a
relationship with
God that is real,
conversational
and loving?

Am I
increasingly
learning to live
in and from God's
always present
kingdom?

Am I
consciously
preparing for
Christ's return
and life in the
age to come?

*The kingdom of heaven
is where God is present in
purpose, authority and power,
and his resources are available
to those who are attentive
and responsive to his will.*

...the kingdom
of God is not eating
and drinking, but
righteousness, peace,
and joy in the
Holy Spirit.
Romans 14:17 CSB

He has rescued us
from the domain of
darkness and transferred
us into the kingdom of
the Son he loves.
Colossians 1:13 CSB

For the kingdom
of God is not a
matter of talk
but of power.
1 Corinthians 4:20 CSB

The kingdom of God
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The kingdom of darkness is where the demonic realm is present in purpose, authority and power... with resources unleashed toward the control and destruction of humanity.



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We must learn how to live in and from our new reality.

literally *to
arrange under*;
primarily used
as a military
term related
to rank

Be subject therefore unto God;
but **resist** the devil,
and he **will flee** from you.

James 4:7 ASV

literally *to
stand against*;
to take a firm
stand against
an opponent

Be sober-minded,
be alert. Your adversary
the devil is prowling around
like a roaring lion, looking
for anyone he can devour.

⁹ **Resist** him, firm
in the faith....

1 Peter 5:8-9a CSB

Ephesians 6
gives practical
instruction for
how to live in
and from God's
kingdom.

For this reason
take up the full armor
of God, so that you may be
able to **resist** in the evil day,
and having prepared
everything, to take
your stand.

Ephesians 6:13 CSB

The kingdom of God
is righteousness,
peace, and joy
in the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23a CSB

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control.

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John 15:5 DLNT

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3 thoughts to consider

1

I can, in a given situation or challenge, live beyond the current maturity level of my character by consciously abiding in Christ (aka, *keeping in step with the Spirit.*)

2

As I continue abiding in Christ in an ongoing situation or challenge, responding consistently in the grace and wisdom he provides, his influence gradually permeates and forms my character.

3

Character can also erode in the absence of ongoing abiding.

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Matthew 10:7-8 CSB

“As you go, proclaim, ‘The kingdom of heaven
has come near.’⁸ Heal the sick, raise the
dead, cleanse those with leprosy, drive out
demons. Freely you received, freely give.”

“If I drive out demons by the Spirit of God,
**then the kingdom of God
has come upon you.”**

Matthew 12:28 CSB

This salvation had its beginning when it was spoken of by the Lord, and it was confirmed to us by those who heard him. ⁴ At the same time, God also testified by signs and wonders, various miracles, and distributions of gifts from the Holy Spirit according to his will.

Hebrews 2:3b-4 CSB

Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit.

⁵ There are different ministries, but the same Lord.

⁶ And there are different activities, but the same God works all of them in each person.

⁷ A manifestation of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good....

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 CSB

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