

Introduction:

- Isn't it amazing that the Gospels are so different than Paul's letters. Luke travels with Paul as well as Mark. Matthew and John both had to know Paul. Yet none of them ever reference each others work.
 - The Gospels are totally focused on Jesus.
 - The Epistles are totally focused on what we have in Christ.
- Jesus made a way for us to receive new life.
- And in the Kingdom our reality changes to what Jesus has.

I. Following Jesus

- A. Let's follow Jesus a bit tonight.
1. "Yes, I came from the Father into the world, and now I will leave the world and return to the Father." (John 16:28, NLT)
 2. Jesus came from the Father and declares that He is returning to the Father. Ie. Round trip - first class! Came from the father and is returning to the Father according to Jn 16:28.
 3. Then He says to Nicodemus in John 3... "Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God." "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit." (John 3:3-5, NLT)
 - a) The believer is born of God. He comes right out of the womb of God. When he dies he returns to God.
 - b) Jesus said, "I come from the Father and I will return to the Father. We have God's nature for we are of God. Jesus comes from and returns to the Father. Leaves home, comes home. When we are born again, we are born from above. That is like coming from God and then we die and return to God.
- B. What did Jesus think about while here?
1. "Jesus continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You belong to this world; I do not." (John 8:23, NLT)
 2. Jesus was always conscious of where he came from and of His heavenly relationship. His rich heavenly relationship with the Father. Luke 12:21 This is what Jesus was conscious of!
 3. Nothing could help us more than to know that we do not belong to this world. We are citizens of another Kingdom. We are born from above! No longer ruled by the God of this world.
 4. Have you ever considered that you belong to another race? "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person (new creature). The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" (2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT)
 - a) The least among us is greater than John the Baptist. Mt 11:11
 - b) John the Baptist was greatest born of women! Yet Jesus says the least in the Kingdom of God are greater than he. That is the power of the Life of God at work inside a person.

5. Solomon and JTB were sons of David.
 - a) But we are sons of God! Think of that! Think of that in light of the returned prodigal made to be a son!
 - b) *"Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.""* (John 8:12, NLT)
 - c) As a 'born again', you represent a new order, a new type of man filled with light, life, and wisdom.

II. Walking In The Light

- A. Our new address is the land of Light. Unusual light. *"And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light."* (Revelation 21:23, NLT) Now that is Pure Light! No need of sun or moon for navigation. God himself will be our direction.
 1. *"For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son,"* (Colossians 1:13, NLT)
 - a) We are in the family of God. We have His divine nature.
 - b) The same Life that was in Jesus is in us. The same Light that was in Jesus is in us. Light means wisdom. The ability to move like God moves. Therefore do not step out of the light and into the darkness. That has to do with broken fellowship with God.
- B. Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth"* "(It denotes **a reality** that is firm, solid, binding, and hence true.)" Kittel, G., Friedrich, G., & Bromiley, G. W. (1985). *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament* (p. 37). Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans.
 1. Let's rethink what Jesus just said, "I am the Way, the Reality."
 2. Romans 1:25 one translation said, "they exchanged the reality of God for the unreal." Wdeymouth transaltion.
 3. Add that understanding to this verse. *"When the Spirit of REALITY comes, he will guide you into all REALITY. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future."* (John 16:13, NLT) The new creation is real. And as believer it is to be more real to us than this world.
- C. I Am the Way, the Reality, and the Life. Zoe. Life is the nature of the Father! The believer is the possessor of the greatest Life ever given...eternal life! Eternal Life has taken us over. We now belong to the New Creation Order.
 1. Every thing about this order is about life but you have to embrace it. You have to take this book of Life and give yourself to it night and day.
 2. Brings new light to John 6:63...*"The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life."* (John 6:63, NLT) The power of His words based on knowing who He was and whose He was!