

The New Testament Church  
*Prepare for Change #8 – Seek first the Kingdom*  
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I Seek first the Kingdom – Mt. 6:33 - Jesus as Prophet, Priest and King

- A. Prophet, Priest and King – The fullness of Christ – His righteous Kingdom
  1. Christ, fulfillment of the Prophets – what God has done – He is faithful
  2. Christ is our High Priest – His sacrifice and blood makes us right with God
  3. Christ is King of kings – His inheritance are the nations...
- B. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:1-10
  1. Its context is in contrast with avoiding the distractions around us...
  2. First, be born again – fulfill God's destiny as a prophet – taste that the Lord is good
  3. Second, a holy priesthood, spiritual sacrifices / intercession – a stone of offense
  4. Third, a holy nation, calling the culture out of darkness to His marvelous light
- C. That light is the highest goal – a relationship that is “face to face” – 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3:12-18
  1. Moses had to put a veil over his face – due to his walk with God!
  2. The veil is now the blindness of our minds – unable to see Christ in the Bible
  3. Turning to the Lord removes the veil (it was rent top to bottom in the temple)
  4. We behold as in a mirror the glory of God, with unveiled face
  5. We now have the liberty to walk with God face to face in an honest relationship
- D. The Gospels reveal the four faces of Christ – as fully divine and fully human
  1. Divine - Matthew – the divine King – *believers are to learn to reign in life by Christ*
  2. Human - Mark – the suffering servant – *believers are to serve and suffer in obedience*
  3. Human - Luke – the Son of Man – *believers are to model human relationships*
  4. Divine - John – the Son of God – *believers are to walk as children of God in this world*
- E. The four-fold pattern of a revelation of Jesus Christ throughout the Bible
  1. The Tabernacle – four colors of the door – white, blue, purple, scarlet (Exodus 26:1)
  2. Ezekiel's Vision of four faces of Christ - (Ezekiel 1:10; 10:14) – king, ox, man, eagle
  3. John's Vision (Revelation 4:7) – four beasts – lion, calf, man, eagle
  4. The order of the revelation is altered based on how we need to see Him!

II Knowing God's Ways, and not Just His Acts

- A. Moses is a type of Christ – Psalm 103:7
  1. Moses is a reflection of Christ – a deliverer, but one who walked with God
  2. Moses knew God's ways – His character, not just His acts – what He has done for us
- B. Exodus 33 – knowing the ways of God – a “face to face” relationship
  1. The people were “stiff-necked” – would not change – God said take off your ornaments
  2. Moses pitched his tent outside the camp, and the people watched him worship God
  3. Israel knew God afar off, from a distance, by watching Moses walk with Him
  4. V. 11 – *So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend*
  5. V. 13-14 – *Show me now your way, that I may know... 'My presence will go with you.'*
  6. V. 17 – *I will also do this thing (go with you); for you have found grace in My sight.*
- C. Joshua – the key to passing the torch to the next generation - Ex. 33:11
  1. V. 11 – *but his servant Joshua... a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.*
  2. We must pass the torch to the next generation face to face with God – in His presence
  3. Moses was the meekest (humble) man in all the earth – Numbers 12:3