

October — December 1990 Word

“NOW IN THOSE DAYS John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness saying, ‘Repent, the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” Matthew 3:1-2

**“And from that time, Jesus begin to preach and say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”
Matthew 4:17**

Notice that the two people who opened up the age known as Christianity came preaching, “Repent, the kingdom is prepared and ready to receive those who will enter.”

When the Charismatic move began in 1967, God lifted up one man with a “John the Baptist” anointing (for he was yet preaching in the wilderness). He had a kingdom message that was like Jacob’s well. It watered the sheep. He didn’t have to enter into the kingdom to bring this message; for he was the greatest born of woman. Those who have entered the kingdom are born of God. This kingdom message now is old as God is bringing forth a people who are the kingdom of God in reality and substance — in their work and in every breath they take. They shine forth with His righteousness; being the new priesthood — a new creation born of God — overcomers who eat of the Tree of Life. And the water they have is not from Jacob’s well but they have a wellspring of living water from the Father and they never thirst again.

Notice that both John and Jesus began by saying, “Repent.” No one can enter the kingdom of God without repenting — not just one time but every time more light takes over our darkened mind. To repent means to humble oneself, to turn from our old ways of behavior, thinking, speaking, actions and habit patterns.

Now where is the kingdom of heaven? The scripture says it is not far off up in the sky, but right within us (Luke 17:21). And it will unfold and grow as we obey the Holy Spirit and continue to humble ourselves as He brings down our high minds and egocentric ideas about ourselves.

And how do we enter into the kingdom of God? Now there was once a ruler of the Jews who caught wind of a new move of God. Maybe he heard Jesus or John mention the kingdom, or perhaps his spirit was attuned to the “signs of the times”. His name was Nicodemus. His level of perception was rather shallow for a ruler... much like the Christian rulers today. He seemed to sense that this man who stood before him was no ordinary man — perhaps — a teacher or a rabbi. But he had no idea that the man to whom he spoke would have a profound spiritual influence on his life.

Jesus’ response to Nicodemus’ rather naive statement must have sent him reeling. Nicodemus strikes up a conversation from his carnal mind, and Jesus answers him from His spirit with a spiritual reply. It must have seemed like a foreign language to Nicodemus.

Jesus’ answer was about as descriptive as one could get: “You must be born into this new move called the kingdom. Now anything that is born from one state to another changes its form completely. A fetus in the womb is the spiritual state of Nicodemus when he came to Jesus. What Jesus was saying was quite plain. He would have to leave his religion, his old friends, his family, his old life, and all it pertained to — and be born into the new environment. Quite a drastic change! Like a worm turning into a butterfly. With much tribulation we enter the kingdom (Acts 14:22).

We’re once again at the place where the light of the kingdom is rising over the horizon. All the “John the Baptist’s” anointings have imprisoned themselves with man’s doctrines and speculations on how Jesus will make His appearance. What rubbish is coming from the once anointed teachers and the preachers... stale manna that leads the sheep astray.

Remember, dear friends, everyone can come to Christ. He is a free gift to all people; however, everyone cannot enter the Kingdom. Only a new creation who has given up his old life can enter in. It is inherited through our own death and resurrection. The world is sick of people saying they are “born again”, when in fact they have only received the down payment of their new birth. Have you prayed for His kingdom to come and His will

to be done? Well, you better also pray that you have prepared yourself to receive it.

This is the first of a series on the kingdom of God. May God move upon our lives and disturb the status quo and soften our earth to make us pliable in His reforming hands. And may the God of our Lord Jesus Christ become our God also and bless us with a new life.



Marie Kolasinski

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Dearest Piecemakers Friends,

How good to greet all of you again and get you caught up on the latest happenings at Piecemakers.

Doug, Janet and Donna attended a craft fair in Japan. This was quite eventful as the Japanese people love America and the western way of living. Their quilts are indeed quite breathtaking. We've also attended several shows here in the good old USA. What fun to meet all our quilter and crafter friends from all over the world.

The men are as busy tiling and cabinet making, building and brick laying as we women are busy minding the store. And again, we all agree that the people make our work most enjoyable. Who needs to play when work is so fulfilling!

Have you heard we are getting our own [line of fabric](#)? It is very beautiful and should be in the store in November. Also, our cookbook should be out soon — in time for that perfect Christmas gift.

Be sure and check our calendar of events. Our [Country Craft Fairs](#) will be held [October 20th & 21st](#) and again [on November 17th & 18th](#). Don't miss these wonderful events.

Did you know that food (eating with one another) is truly a unifying experience? We are continuously getting new lines of really wonderful food. Come browse in our little “kitchen” in the entrance. For that perfect hostess gift or Thanksgiving gift, nothing is better than a basket of food.

If you want the finest in comfy, fun clothes (for less money), visit Judy in “[The Fig Leaf](#)”. And be sure and come to our [Fashion Show on October 6th](#). The models are all ordinary, working girls with all-American figures — no toothpick figures allowed.

Let me remind you of our “[Freedom of the Nations](#)” [Quilt Contest](#). We are hearing from women all over the world and many from America who are making their quiet stand for freedom by creating a quilt. Call Jean or Kathy for more information. Also ask about the [kids' quilt contest](#) we are sponsoring.

Before I say bye for another three months, let me remind you about our big sales coming up...the [pre-Christmas sale, December 21-22](#), and our [after-Christmas \(house cleaning sale\), December 26-January 1](#), which will include a rummage sale. Also remember our parking lot [harvest demos](#) by Marion, Betty and Andrea. Make your own holiday wreaths and table arrangements. These are held [Saturday, October 27th](#), and [Saturday and Sunday, November 24th and 25th](#). The [Calendar of Events](#) will keep you current on the many events transpiring throughout the fall season.

Thank you, dear friends, for continuously praying for us. I think our time of very severe testing is behind us and we are all the better for it. Without you all upholding us, we probably wouldn't be here. Be sure and look below for the sweet letter we got from someone who feels towards us and toward God just the way you do — He being our common bond of love. I want to thank all the rest of you for your letters of encouragement. How kind of you to take time out to write to us.

May our dear Savior bless you richly and watch over you as you place your trust in Him. His judgements are in the land to cleanse America of its pomp and greed to set us free from the things that have ensnared us.

Marie

A Recent Letter from a Friend...

Dear Friends at Piecemakers,

Yesterday my friend Georgine and I embarked on an adventure traveling from Diamond Bar in search of Piecemakers.

Now I have been hearing of this wonderful place from many very different sources. But last week my sister, who doesn't drive freeways, returned from a visit (chauffeured by her husband), and offered to take heart in hand and take me down — and so I knew that this must truly be a wonderful place. We spent 3 delightful hours “ooing” and “aahing” and came home with many treasures.

I quilt and make porcelain dolls and have just started English smocking. Perhaps it is just as well that you are where you are — close enough for me to look forward to and adventure out (kind of like looking forward to the Wells Fargo coming in “The Music Man”), and yet far enough to insure that my husband doesn't divorce me for abandonment.

I would like to take a minute to thank you for producing Seasons of Refreshing. I bought it some time ago at the Fabric Patch in Upland (another wonderful place). My husband loves the lemon squares. Are there eggs in these? If so, we had better eat them quickly so they don't spoil. And the Ricotta Cake has become a must at social gatherings.

I don't feel that I visited a store — it was more like a neighborhood holiday boutique where all of the participants were just as happy to share a minute, share a laugh or a story as they were to sell something. Each of the ladies was like a friend I just met. I truly believe where two or three are gathered in His name, there is love. So Christ's love was evident in your place.

Many thanks. I look forward to seeing you all again.

Sue Lindemulder

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P.S. As you can see, I am sharing a couple of my favorite recipes with you. It seemed a shame to waste space.