

MATTHEW: THE KING WHO SAVES

Unstoppable

Matthew 13:24-43

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Living under Christ's Rule & Reign in this World

- 1. Those under Christ's rule and reign will live among and alongside those still in the kingdom of darkness.**

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. (Jn 17:15)

While living in the world...

Do not love the world (our affections)

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. (1 Jn 2:15–17)

Do not be friends with the world (our affinity)

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. (Jas 4:4)

Don't be conformed to the world (our conformity)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Ro 12:2)

- 2. Although the kingdom of heaven appears small and insignificant, it will continue to grow and expand filling the whole earth.**

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Ti 1:15–17)

- 3. Like yeast, the kingdom of heaven will permeate the whole world.**

The pervasive influence of God's kingdom

The positive influence of God's kingdom

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.”

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Mt 5:13–16)

4. At the end of the age, the righteous will remain and shine but those who have rejected Christ will be cast into the lake of fire.

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. (Php 2:14–16a)

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. (2 Pe 3:9–10)