

Text, Context and The Soul
The Divine Conspiracy #6

**The Gospel Of The Kingdom And
Discipleship To Christ**

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COMPARE--

4. Put your confidence in Jesus and live with him as his disciple now in the present kingdom of God.

(Matt. 4:17 and 6:33, Rom. 8:1-14, Col. 1:13 and 3:1-4, John 3:1-8)

On #4, salvation is participating now in the life which Jesus is living on earth. Of course that involves forgiveness and heaven afterward, but much more.

FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

- **Means I have confidence in him for everything.**
- **Want to be as close to him as possible and learn from him everything I can.**
- **Believe that all his commandments are for my benefit.**

Things Great Teachers Must Teach, I NOW LEARN FROM JESUS

- The nature of reality
- Who is “well-off”
 - Blessedness
 - The Good Life
- Who is a “really good” person?
- How to become a “really good” person

Jesus answers each of these in a manner far superior to anyone else— Plato, Buddha, Freud.

*Jesus is the smartest One ever
BECAUSE HE IS FROM THERE!*

THE 3 THINGS TO BE LEARNED AS A DISCIPLE

- 1. How to do what Jesus explicitly commanded.**
- 2. How to live life in areas where there is not explicit command.**
- 3. How to act with the power in the kingdom.**

WHY THE GOSPEL JESUS PREACHED IS OMITTED

- **A tragically misleading hermeneutic. Jesus and Paul, supposedly.**
- **Failure to understand what the kingdom is. Especially, a political arrangement.**
- **Corrected by a walk through the book of Acts.**

ENLISTING IN THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY TODAY

- BY SEEKING THE KINGDOM AS JESUS SAID. Matt. 6:33.
- BY SPEAKING THE KINGDOM AND THE KING TO OTHERS.
- BY LIVING OUT “RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE AND JOY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.” (Rom. 14:17)
- BY LIVING IN UNCOMPROMISING OBEDIENCE