Standing At The Threshold Of The Kingdom?

Acts 2:37-40 (KJV)

“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? [38] Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. [39] For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. [40] And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.”

 Acts 19:6 (KJV)

“And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.”

So, you have received the Holy Ghost, what now?

1.) Tell others! Mark 16:15-18
2.) Pray through in the Holy Ghost every chance you get. The Holy Ghost is Jesus’ Spirit in you; alive. You must keep your relationship with Him alive daily. Jude 1:20
3.) Allow time for you and God. By praying, reading the Word and fasting. 1Thessalonians 5:17; Matthew 6:16-18; Isaiah 28:13
4.) Attend a church faithfully. We are kept by the preached Word. Hebrews 10:25; Romans 10:14
5.) Allow God to change you. Jesus is a gentleman, He will never force you to do something that you are not willing to do. Nor will Jesus give you guilt. God will send conviction and compel you. Psalm 51:10
6.) Don’t take anybody’s word for it. Read your Bible and study to make sure your walk with God is pure and true. 2Timothy 2:15
7.) Never leave the love for truth. 1John 3:18
8.) Give yourself time to change. James 5:7-8
9.) How do you obtain forgiveness after that you have been baptized? You will make mistakes. We are not perfect, but God is perfecting us. Just repent and make sure you are full of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 3:19 (KJV)

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;”

What Doth Hinder Thou?

Many people dream to live in heavenly places with peace and joy on a daily basis. The Kingdom of God is that dream; being able to contently live the heavenly life today, what is stopping you?

Acts 2:21 (KJV)

“No he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: [21] Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, Lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.” ~ Luke 17:20-21 (KJV)

The Holy Ghost (Jesus) is our Keeper!

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Living The Dream!

Romans 14:17

“For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”
What exactly is the Kingdom of God?

Simply: The Kingdom Of God Is Heaven On The Inside Of You

The Kingdom of God is being able to attain righteousness through the Holy Ghost which brings a peaceable joy in your life that is unlike anything in this world.

What is the Holy Ghost?

God’s (Jesus) spirit dwelling in a human body. Jesus is a Gentleman, He would never force Himself on anyone. If you want the Holy Ghost you can have it. However, certain things must be in place in your life so the Holy Ghost can be welcomed. Take a look at these four easy steps:

1.) Believe and Acknowledge
2.) Reconsider
3.) Baptism
4.) Worship in Spirit and in Truth

1.) Believe and Acknowledge

Acts 16:30-31 (KJV)

“And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”

You must believe that Jesus Christ is, and acknowledge that Jesus Christ is our Lord and God.

John 1:1 (KJV)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

This Word in John 1:1 is made flesh (continue to read through John 1:2-13, this will help you to understand that the subject is still this “Word” in John 1:14) God becomes a man:

John 1:14 (KJV)

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

2.) Reconsider

Stop and reconsider your ways. Now that you believe and acknowledge that Jesus is and that He is God then you must make a decision.

It is at this time that you should be feeling that tug in your spirit to change. Not a total makeover of your soul, but, your conscience should be compelling you to go in the right direction through repentance. Repentance is simply making a decision to change with a feeling of remorse. Remorse is a feeling inside of you that is sorrowful knowing that you have sinned(done wrong) and made bad decisions in the past and willing to do your best for Jesus; turning from your ways to God’s ways.

Acts 17:30 (KJV)

“And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:"

3.) Baptism

Now, you believe and acknowledge that Jesus is and that He is God. You repented of your ways. You truly want to do what God wants you to do.

Then, the next step is to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins.

Baptize just means to make fully wet in a ceremonial washing. And Remission simply means forgiveness; freedom.

So when you are baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, those things you had done in the past are forgiven and Jesus doesn’t hold you responsible for those anymore. You are free! Jesus gives you a fresh start.

Acts 19:3-5 (KJV)

“And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

Baptism isn’t an option, it is a necessity. Get baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

4.) Worship in Spirit and in Truth

Yes, worship in Spirit and in Truth is essential.

After you go through steps 1-3 you need to try to live an overcoming life(according to the obedience of the Word). And, to be honest, I don’t think any of us can keep going in the right direction without help. This help is the Holy Ghost; the Spirit of God in us. This help along with the joy and peace that comes with it is also the Kingdom of God! The Kingdom of God (Heaven on Earth) must be obtained before going to Heaven.

How do you get the Holy Ghost?

John 4:24 (KJV)

“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

Worship:

Revere-Adore-Devout-Honor-Praise-Give Glory

When we worship in spirit and in truth, what we say are words of adoration to Jesus through the spirit of our heart, mind and body. The whole meaning is what your spirit is saying through your mouth. If you honestly love Jesus and you speak out and say: “I Love You Jesus” and you can actually feel that love going forth. That is worshiping in spirit and in truth.

As you worship the Lord in spirit and in truth, how do you know you are getting the Holy Ghost? It’s told in the book of Acts:

Acts 2:4 (KJV)

“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

You know you have received the Holy Ghost when 1.) You will speak in a language you have never learned. and 2.) You will feel a joy inside of you that you cannot explain.

Acts 19:2 (KJV)

“He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.”

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“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ~ John 3:3 (KJV)