

There seems to be two opposing views as to what our faith in Christ means and how it looks and manifests itself in our lives. One view is a constant wondering, guessing, what God is doing to, through, for, by, with, around, beside and/or because of us. The other view, the one I subscribe to, is what can I be doing for God? What has God asked me to do? What are my present circumstances availing me in my furthering the will of God?

Christ spoke in parables and most dealt with men coming to terms with their relation to God. Matthew chapter 13 is a series of parables two speak directly to this matter. Verse 44 tells us the Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field that when discovered motivates the discoverer to sell everything he has to buy that field in order that it and its treasure be fully his. Verses 45 and 46 again tells of the Kingdom of Heaven is like a man discovering a "Pearl of Great Price" sold all he had to acquire it. Being in, having possession of, the Kingdom of Heaven is an activity that we engage in. Our circumstances surrounding that engagement do not affect the possession.

I am sure that we all know that Christ is the fulfillment of our salvation and that our relation to God is through Christ. So relating to Christ is our pursuit of the Kingdom of Heaven. As Apostle Paul said in Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." "

John 15:14 says, "You are my friends if you do what I command you." " Wanting to do all possible to please God we do all to please Christ. Christ said in Luke 22 and verse 19 "Do this in remembrance of Me." This is the observance of the loaf and the cup in Christ's sacrifice of Himself for our sake. We may not have the full access to our brethren in our observation of this communion in the Lord's Supper but we are still in pursuit of our possession of that relationship. Our hearts and minds continue in Christ.

My God bless all in our lives in Christ.