

“ First Things First ! ”

“Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life?...O, you of little faith? Do not worry saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” (Matthew 6: 27,30,31-34)

Isaiah said: “This is what the Lord says – Israel’s King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: ‘I am the First and I am the Last; apart from me there is no God.’” Jesus confirms this in Revelation by saying, “I am the Alpha and Omega (the First and the Last), who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Jesus set priorities straight when asked by the teachers of the Law, “Which is the most important (the first, the greatest) commandment?” Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God, with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” **Do you get a sense that God is to be first before anything else ?** Jesus did not stop there however, and even though he was not asked, he said, “The second (commandment) is this, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself, There is no commandment greater than these.’” Jesus finished his teaching with, “(if you do this) you are not far from the Kingdom of God.”

“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God” We know “to seek first”, but where?

Jesus says, “heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.” Jesus also tells us, “ Ask (pray) and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.” Jesus opens the door by the Holy Spirit. As we study and obey God’s Word, much is revealed to us and much is required of us as we continue to seek the Kingdom of God.

Jesus final commandment to us is: “Go into all the world and preach the good news (the gospel) (the word of God) to all creation.”

SO: **Seek First the Kingdom of God**
Love God, Neighbor and Self
Obey God’s Word
Share God’s Word with Everyone

SO: **What’s the Problem Today ?**

Scriptures: (Isaiah 44:6) (Mark 13: 31)
(Revelation 1:8) (Matthew 7: 7)
(Mark 12: 30, 31, 34) (Mark 16: 15)