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“**VERILY, VERILY, I say unto you, “Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” John 3:5**

This is the third in a series on the Kingdom of God.

Let us lay some groundwork that will lead up to the scripture for this lesson.

1. **The Kingdom of God is within us** — in our inner man (our heart and mind). Babylon and the kingdoms of this world are also in our inner man. The kingdoms Christ came to destroy are the kingdoms of this world in the hearts of men and women.
2. The ultimate goal of every human being born is to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.
3. Christ laid down definite ways of attaining our goal. **First we must commit our life to Him. Then we die daily, denying ourselves until we have shed all of our blood**, for flesh and blood cannot enter the Kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 15:50). Our life is in our blood. Our life that is conformed to the world must be transformed by the renewing of our mind (Romans 12:2). If we totally commit our life to Christ and follow Him, He will make us a new creation in a new world.

What makes up our life? Our life is our way of thinking, talking, relating, our beliefs and opinions, our talents, deeds and works! After this death to self, then we must enter into a new birth. Do not believe that those who say they are “born again” are really born into the Kingdom of God. Ninety-nine percent of the people who profess to be Christians are really enemies of the cross. The pastors, priests and teachers of the Bible stand as Roman soldiers keeping the people in their graves with their false doctrines. **When is America going to awake from her sleep and return to the God that laid the foundation of America?**

Recently I heard a well-known preacher giving all his expertise on “The Last Day.” “Iraq is Babylon,” so

he says. “America will destroy Babylon,” so he says, and on and on he went with his idea of the second coming of Christ and the end of the world. Of course, when judgment from God comes and He starts cleaning up America, this preacher is gone to some place in the sky because “he is righteous,” so he says. And the rest of us will be here allowing God to cleanse our temple and partake of the suffering that will ultimately make us that abode for God to dwell in.

Now this preacher calls all of us wicked, and he is righteous. What arrogance! What deceit! How can intelligent Bible reading Christians reconcile that kind of gospel with the Bible? It reminds me of a time 2000 years ago when Christ said to the Pharisees, “You search the scriptures in search of me and I am standing in your midst” (John 5:39).

There is a Saddam Hussein lurking in the heart of every individual of the human race. **Let us not seek to escape the fiery judgments that will cleanse our hearts**, but let us instead embrace the great tribulation and suffering and sorrow that cleanses us of every spot and blemish, making our hearts a pure home for a most holy God (1 Peter 5:10, 2 Peter 3:14).

Is your hope “Christ perfected in you” or do you have false hopes such as a “rapture” or some other doctrine that keeps the cross from doing its work in you? Beware, lest you reap the fruit of your perverted hopes. Believe me when I tell you, if you are sitting under the teaching of a false teacher, you are unprepared for the next move of God.

The day of the Lord is here. Now is the hour to enter in. Today is the day of your salvation. So we must be born of water like Moses when he left Egypt, or Abraham when he followed God out of his father’s house. We too must leave our old place of worship, our

father's house — coming out of our old life, we are born of water. Then at the cross we are born of the Spirit, changed from mortal to immortality with His incorruptible blood. There at the cross we are born of God and become the children of God.

Remember, people of America, democracy is no different from communism once God is removed from government. He has already been banished from the churches. We must wake up and seek Him while He yet may be found. America — if you hear the cry of the Spirit — **REPENT**, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.



Marie Kolasinski

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Dearest Friends,

Greetings and God's blessings from all the Piecemakers. We feel very privileged to be able to have this friendly chat every three months. If you are caught in the tremendous upheaval taking place in the world today, we pray that more and more we all come to have our security in our ever-loving Father. If your life is in shambles and you have nowhere to turn — if poverty seems to have its jaws wide open to you — please know that we are in the same boat, and as we cry out to God, He seems to meet our daily bread in a very remarkable way. Remember, He chastises and strips those whom He loves. He is calling all of us to repentance. He wants to strip off the garments of pride and religion and clothe us with humility.

These last three months have been most interesting. Our trip to Germany opened doors for us to teach quilting and other needlework to Army wives and also the German community. We met some very warm and wonderful German people.

All of the month of May, Kathy, Marilyn, John and Greg will be over in Europe teaching classes and having trunk shows.

We are hoping to have one lady from Russia come and visit us for the "Festival of Quilts". The response to the International Quilt Contest from Russia warmed our hearts as eight ladies entered.

Last week we got a letter from a Russian lady who would like to come over here and work at Piecemakers. She has a son and a husband. So if you hear someone in the store with an accent, you'll know we have a Russian family as part of the Piecemakers.

Many new things are coming into the store each day. The Americana look is definitely in and will last for some time. America is changing and the nostalgia woven into our heritage is coming out in a red, white and blue tea-dyed look. Everyone wants to get a keepsake while the getting is good.

*Don't let our big leviathan government get you down. **April 19th, 20th and 21st** we are having a "**TAX PAYERS' BLUES SALE**". Let us ease the pain of your frustration from the tax season by paying your sales tax for you. Can you remember America when there were no taxes, when the government was for the people and by the people?*

Our fabric (what we designed here at Piecemakers) has found its way across the seas and is selling very well in this country and abroad. Thanks to all of you. You've taken needle in hand and are finding that satisfying simple life, home by the fireside with the family, sewing up a storm. Speaking of fabric — want a challenge? Well, enter our "fabric challenge". Details are on page 10.

Our new calendar is breathtakingly beautiful. It will be out in April. Buy early, as once more the amount we had printed is limited.

Once again a reminder of our “[FESTIVAL OF QUILTS](#)” on April 12th, 13th and 14th. Please give yourself a treat and come see the display of all the quilts from all over the world. If you haven't gotten your chance on the quilt to be raffled at that time, be sure to get your chances...donations \$1 a ticket.

The handmade gift line in the store is better than ever. Typical of the American people — when old things pass away, they come up with new, fresh creations, and with a lot of work — a lot of sweat and blood fighting through our “free enterprise” government, they get their creations on the market.

A couple more reminders before I close — [THE FASHION SHOW/LUNCHEON](#) is a wonderful time to take a friend to “more than lunch”. MARK [MAY 11 ON YOUR CALENDAR](#). Also watch for our 4th of July family celebration.

God is ever faithful to His children. He is searching the earth for those who will allow Him to be their Father. ‘Til we meet next time, “auf Wiedersehen” — ‘til we meet again.

Marie