

## 22Z07 July Student Update

Hello my friends. I hope everyone is doing well today.

First, order of business. Let's pray. **Father God, Thank You God for this time today. Thank you for each student, teacher, father, mother, brother and sister. Guide my words today so your message is heard despite my words. Help us Father to stay focused on you in the storms of life. When trials and trouble come. You know what we need Lord, we trust You Lord Jesus. And I pray all these things in your Name Lord Jesus, Amen.**

Okay. Returning Students. Joy has sent you an email with links for the new year forms and requirements. You must submit all of the listed requirements to the google drive before September 1. If you do not, then your slot will be given to another student.

Okay, what if you can't get all the requirements in by September 1 or for some of you, you might still be finishing last year's semester number 2. I know there are a lot of circumstances that are beyond your control. So please listen carefully to what I'm going to say. Email me before September 1, telling why you are delayed in submitting. If you have a good reason, then I'll put LSR in your requirements, meaning Late Submission Request. You can check the status of your requests on line and you can verify that your submissions have been correctly uploaded. Let me be very clear, you are responsible to check the online form to verify your submissions. Don't tell me, but I emailed you or I uploaded it. Check the form and if it's not there then, it's not there. Unless the internet breaks or google's system goes down, you will be responsible for this. No exceptions. I suggest not waiting until the last minute. Submit information as you have it, you do not have to wait until you have everything. So, Please get it done.

New students or applying students. Welcome to our family. New applications will be accepted starting September 1. Application period is one week. We prioritize applicants based on the order they are submitted, so get it done as early as possible. More than 90% of our accepted applicants last year submitted their application within the first hour the application period began. The new application forms should be available already. Check with you sponsoring Church for details.

I want to remind you are required to follow these messages.

Our YouTube channel is [Punla Christian Ministries - YouTube](#). Signup on our YouTube channel to follow our channel and select the notification bell so you will be notified when new content is posted. Then watch the videos as they are posted. Wednesday I will post a Bible study specifically for you. The last Thursday of each month I will post an update like this one. The other posting on Monday and Friday are my public Bible studies.

If you are having trouble viewing the videos because of poor connections, you also can download podcasts or PDF versions of every message on our website [PUNLA Coffee Table – Jesus! Bible! Life! Let's talk about it!](http://www.punlacoffeetable.org) (www.punlacoffeetable.org)

I am not a social media person, but I am posting these video on other sites for your convenience,

Facebook: [Kip Wehrman | Facebook](#)

Twitter: KipWehrman@PUNALtable

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GodTube: search for Punla on GodTube

If you are in our program or want to be in our program, you must sign up for the YouTube channel but it is very helpful to me if you sign up and follow us on as many of these platforms as you can.

Enough of business.

Can I ask you a question? What is the Kingdom of God? I bet you had many thoughts but what is the Kingdom of God. This phrase is used more than 289 times in the King James Bible and the phrase Kingdom of Heaven is used more than 110 times in the gospel of Matthew alone. Kingdom of God and Kingdom of Heaven are the same thing by the way. So, the New Testament in our Bible talk about the Kingdom of God/Heaven more than 400 times. So this is obviously very important.

Jesus preached the “gospel of the Kingdom of God” in His earthly ministry. (Mark 1:14, Matthew 4:17). Every time Jesus refers to the gospel, it is the gospel of the Kingdom of God or Heaven. So, what is the Kingdom of God?

Now some will say this is future thing. Jesus is coming back to set up His everlasting kingdom in the future at the end of the age. Well we don't need to guess or speculate, the Bible tells us, Jesus tells us. One example in the Bible is Matthew Chapter 13. Matthew 13 24-30 (NKJV) *Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ ”*

So, Jesus says the kingdom of heaven is like this parable. But what, how. Again we don't need to guess. Matthew 13: 36-43 (NKJV) *Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.” He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good*

*seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!*

Don't miss this today. The kingdom of God, the kingdom of Heaven is here. Right here right now. The whole world is the kingdom of God. God is sovereign over the whole world right now. That means He is in charge. Nothing can happen that God does not allow.

I'm sure you are going to ask, then why is there so much bad in the world. Why is my situation not good? Why do I hurt and suffer and struggle? I don't have all the answers but God is very patient with us, all of us. After Jesus' resurrection and just before His ascending into heaven, he said He had all dominion over all of creation. That means total and complete control and authority over everything.

Like this parable of Jesus so clearly states. God is allowing the wheat to grow and mature. We are the wheat my friends. God is giving us time and experiencing here so that we can grow into the people we need to be. Opportunities for others to become wheat before the end. Yes, there are a lot of weeds in this world. Lots of people and things that hurt us and cause us to struggle. But, God loves everyone. He loves them so much, that He has giving them us. We are the light and the salt to the world. That means, our lives, How we deal with good and bad is a testimony of Jesus. It is a way the world (the weeds) can see Jesus in us. Your life matters. You have been born with a specific purpose from God. You are important. You have the opportunity to be tool God uses to reach others with His gospel of the Kingdom of God.

You are exactly were you need to be to help others find Jesus. You are being equipped with exactly the skill and talants you will need to do the tasks Jesus needs you to do. You are beautifully and wonderfully made in the image of God for His purpose and glory.

I know that probably does not answer all your questions about the Kingdom of God. But, I will try to address it in more detail this fall in one of our series.

**Let's Pray. Father God, Thank You God for everything. Every experience, every person. I am thankful for everything. And help me not to worry but instead focus on you. Put you first in everything we do. I know you are with us when we face challenges and I will trust you, Lord.**

**I pray for each student, that they trust you, Lord. I pray they pray to you Lord to see you at work in our lives. Help us all to surrender to You and let you guide**

**their paths and decisions. Help each of us to mold our hearts and desires to Yours Father. And I pray your will be done here on earth. I know you are at work in their lives. Help us to see you, Lord Jesus.**

**I pray this in your name, Lord Jesus Amen**

Again, Students. I am so glad we have this time together. No matter what we face, I know our God is Bigger and Stronger than anything we will face in this life. So don't fear anything in this world. Our father God, Jesus is the king of this world and as such we should fear nothing. I Love you and I am proud of you. God's Blessings.

Until next time. I pray for Joy, Hope, Peace and Assurance from God for each of you. God bless.

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John 15:1-11(NAS) *<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in Me, and I in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself but must remain in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown away like a branch and dries up; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in Me, and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. <sup>9</sup>Just as the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you; remain in My love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and remain in His love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.*

2 Timothy 2:8-13 (NAS) *<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God is not imprisoned. <sup>10</sup>For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The statement is trustworthy: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; <sup>12</sup>If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He will also deny us; <sup>13</sup>If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.*