

Christ the King - part two

If Jesus is King and Lord, why are so many things still wrong, impure, sad and painful in this world? How must we understand the experience that so much of our lives are still about injustice, sadness, sin and death?

The answer simply is: Until Jesus comes again *there are both goats and sheep in the world.*

First of all, the truth is that there one day will be a separation of the sheep and the goats. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left!

See Matthew 25:31-46.

King Jesus is coming again. The Son of Man will come in his glory and he will sit on his throne as the royal Judge of all. And in this judgment of all people, there will be a separation: *“He will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on his left.” There is no middle ground.*

Secondly, the truth about sheep and goats is that this judgment will be on the basis of whether we showed the nature of being one of Christ’s sheep, or if we lived like a goat! He will say, “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink.” And then, on the other hand he will say, “I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink.”

Thirdly, we all know that it is only faith in Christ that can produce the Kingdom works that righteous sheep do. Notice what the King says *“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”*

Finally, it is faith in Christ the King that saves. Following the King, accepting him as King and Lord of our lives, turns our lives around and the evidence that our lives have been turned around from being goats to sheep, is a free gift! Pure grace!

This is how we glorify Christ the King! **We live for him.**

We do things similar to what he did when he was on earth. Then others can also believe that Christ the King, the Messiah, indeed reigns! They can believe that they too may believe in him and be saved through faith in him, by grace.