

8. The mystery form of the kingdom is the form the kingdom has now taken with the King absent from the earth during what age?
9. Who didn't know anything about this "mystery" form of the kingdom?
10. Are all people in the mystery form of the kingdom true citizens?
11. What are several responses that people have to the preaching of the kingdom?
12. What demonstrates that a person has truly received the Word and has given their life to Christ?
13. The emphasis of the parable of the tares is that NOT everyone who attaches himself/herself to a church or Christianity is really a what?
14. The mustard seed could grow into a bush or a tree that would stand how high?
15. How is the mustard seed likened to what Christ's kingdom is like?
16. What two Old Testament prophets used the imagery of birds to refer to peoples from all nations?
17. The kingdom was promised to whom?
18. In Ephesians 2:11ff Paul is not describing our past what?
19. The Jews failed to understand that God was concerned about what?
20. What is the first benefit which the Gentiles were alienated from?
21. The Jews had what kind of hope?
22. What is the second benefit the Gentiles were without?
23. Not only were we Gentiles without citizenship, we were without what (the third benefit we were without)?
24. What promise is the overriding promise in all of God's covenants with Israel?
25. Gentiles were without Christ, without citizenship, without covenants, and therefore, without what?
26. These Gentile Christians were once without Christ but now they are what?
27. Christ alone is our what?
28. The outer court of the Temple was called the court of whom?
29. The greatest barrier between Jew and Gentile was caused by the what?
30. What did the Jews try to do with the ceremonial law after Christ Jesus died on the cross?
31. How did God totally silence the ceremonial law?
32. The word, "new" in verse 15 means what?
33. What's the point of defining the word "new"?
34. Before Jew and Gentile can be reconciled to each other, what has to take place?

35. The body of Christ is formed by the what?

36. What is the progression in these verses:

- a. Christ is our \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ peace.
- c. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ peace.

37. The only way to God for anyone, whether Jew or Gentile is through \_\_\_\_\_.

38. What is the message of Ephesians 2:11-18?

39. The message that Jesus and John came preaching has now done what?

40. How do you respond to the last question that is asked in this sermon?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

#### For Next Time:

1. **Read Matthew 13:1-46**
2. **What does the word, "bank" mean?**
3. **What do you believe the parable of Matthew 13:33-35 means?**

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## THE MUSTARD SEED

Matthew 13:31-32

(Series #78)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: "**The Mustard Seed**". All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Who is the most masterful teacher to ever live?
2. Jesus began His ministry by calling for people to do what?
3. The vast majority believed what regarding repentance?
4. The Jewish people responded to Jesus' call to repentance with either of what two responses?
5. When the religious leaders began to call Jesus demon possessed Jesus began to speak to the crowds in what kind of stories?
6. Why did Jesus do this:
  - a. To continue revealing truth to the \_\_\_\_\_ and to do so by using stories to which they could \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. To conceal truth from \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Jesus speaking in parables was an act of what two things?

**\*\*To help protect the quality of recording the sermon, we ask that you quietly turn to the inside of this study guide. Thank you! We appreciate your help.**