Is Patrick part of the Kingdom?

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Luke 5:12-13

12 While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." 13 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him.

1. GOD'S KINGDOM SHOULD LOOK JUST LIKE <u>HEAVEN</u>

Matt 6:10

"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done <u>on earth</u> as it is <u>in heaven</u>."

2. THE POOR AND MARGINALIZED ARE INCLUDED

<u>Luke 6:20</u>

20 Looking at his disciples, [Jesus] said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Luke 14:13-14

13 But when you give a banquet, invite the <u>poor</u>, the <u>crippled</u>, the <u>lame</u>, the <u>blind</u>, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

3. PATRICK IS INCLUDED

Luke 5:13

Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!"

4. WE ARE CALLED TO PUT LOVE INTO ACTION

Matt 22:37-40

37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'
38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

1 John 3:17-18

17 If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.