

THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM



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“This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come” Matt.24:14

What is the Kingdom of God?

The Kingdom of God is God’s rule and reign over ALL - all the spiritual and angelic realm and all His creation. The Lord Jesus Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father, is not only the Saviour of the world, He is the KING and LORD. He is the one with supreme authority and power (Colossians 3:15-20).

As believers in Christ, the Kingdom of God has three expressions...

* **The Kingdom Within each Believer**

The moment we believed in Jesus’ work for us on the Cross, we were born into the Kingdom of God. We became citizens of Heaven (Phil.3:20). He became not only our Saviour but is Lord of our life!

* **The Kingdom in the Body of Christ**

The living Church, all those who are a “new creation” in Him, are the corporate expression of God’s Kingdom on earth. The Lord’s prayer in John chapter 17 is for us, that we may be “one” in the same way that He and the Father are “one”, so that the world may believe (verses 13-21).

* **The Kingdom to Come on Earth**

Jesus is coming back as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We are seeing in this, our day, many of the signs the Lord Jesus gave to reveal what it will be like at the time of His Second coming (Luke 21:8-36). We are commanded to WATCH and BE ALERT! (Mark 13:32-37).

The Message for the Times

Throughout history there has been a specific time when God has brought a particular message to the world.

- * **Each of the prophets** of the Old Testament brought a timely word to the people of their day, and also prophesied of the time to come in relation to the Lord Jesus.
- * **John the Baptist** came, as the preparer of the way of the Lord, with a specific message for the time --



“Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand’” Matthew 3:1-2.

- * **The Lord Jesus** followed with the further message of His coming being the fulfillment of time --

“Now after John was taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel’” Mark 1:14-15 (Luke 17:20-21).

- * **The Disciples of the Lord**, in obedience to His word, spread the message of the Gospel of the Kingdom throughout the world.

“And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation’” Mark 16:15.

Through Church History

So it has been all through Church history. The Lord has brought a specific message at a specific time to meet the need in the Church, restoring truths of the Gospel that had been lost. For example --

- * **Martin Luther.** At the time of the “Dark Ages”, the Lord revealed to Luther the glorious truth that salvation is by faith, not by works. It was the specific word of the time and the Reformation spread like fire throughout the world. Multitudes were saved, born again as the children of God.
- * **John & Charles Wesley** took hold of the Gospel truth of living in holiness as a believer, and the “Great Awakening” spread throughout the world. Living a victorious Christian life became a reality.
- * **William & Catherine Booth**, filled with compassion, began to reach the suffering, poor and needy with the power of the Gospel to change their lives and The Salvation Army was born. God’s passion for suffering humanity was awakened in the Church.
- * **Hudson Taylor, CT Studd and others** forged the way to reach a dying world and the missionary vision was revived.
- * **The Charismatic Renewal.** In the 1960s through the 1980s, God moved upon His Church across the world, renewing the experience of the empowering of the Holy Spirit to fulfill His call to reach the world (Acts 1:8).

The Message for Our Day and Hour!

What is the message and word of the Lord for this time, this day in which we live? The world around us is in great turmoil. Every nation

is being shaken. Governments, good or bad, are failing. Many of the signs Jesus gave so we could recognise His soon return are happening all around us. What is our message at this time and hour?...

The Gospel of the Kingdom!

This is the message for this day! The good news of the Kingdom of God - first in our hearts and lives, then in full expression in the Church, and ultimately on the earth when Jesus returns! Jesus is coming back to set up His Kingdom where righteousness, love and peace reign.

*** He is coming back as King of Kings and Lord of Lords!**

In the final great battle on earth, the Lord Jesus will conquer all who are in the Dominion of Darkness (Revelation 13:8).

“These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them because He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful” Rev.17:14.

*** He’s coming for a Bride who has made herself ready!**

“Let’s rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has prepared herself. It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints” Rev.19:7-8

*** He is coming to set up His Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven**

“Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”

Matthew 6:10.

“Amen. Come, Lord Jesus” Rev.22:20



“...And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace”

Isaiah 9:6