

REACHING FREEDOM TOGETHER

“The Truth of King and Kingdom Sets Us Free”

(John 8:26–47)

“And you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:32)

Jesus also makes another profound statement in verse 27 when He says,

“When you have lifted up the Son of Man (as King), then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me.”

This was the truth that Jesus was talking about - the truth that He is King of the universe by the authority of His Father and that He is to be lifted up in and over our lives. This and this alone will set us free.

The purpose of God is summed up in the message that Jesus came to proclaim - **The Kingdom of God!** Our freedom depends upon what we give our lives to and God’s intention is that we give our lives the King and His Kingdom!

What is the Bible about? When we understand this truth found in Scripture, then the TRUTH WILL SET US FREE! So let us talk about ...

❖ **Understanding the Bible**

- **The Bible is About a King**

Colossians 1:16-17 says,

“For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” (Colossians 1:16-17)

“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.” (Hebrews 1:3)

"For you, LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods." (Psalms 97:9)

"Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit." (Psalms 147:5)

"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters." (Psalms 24:1-2)

"The LORD does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths." (Psalms 135:6)

So the Bible, first and foremost, is **about a King and His name is JESUS!** The second thing we need to understand is that ...

- **The Bible is About a Royal Family**

Kings that have children are called royal families. You are a royal family with allegiances! Galatians 3:26 says,

*"For ye are all the children of God by **faith** in Christ Jesus."*

As we taught on FAITH last Sunday by explaining the Greek word 'pisteōs', here we see it again. You are children of God by faith ('pisteos') or active loyalty, commitment and a lifestyle allegiance.

*"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that **believe** on his name:" (I John 1:12)*

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (I John 3:2)

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will." (Ephesians 1:3-5)

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9)

- **The Bible is About a Kingdom**

A Kingdom is not a religion. A Kingdom is a country, a region or sphere of authority. So the Bible is about a country or a territory - a sphere of authority.

"From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." (Matthew 4:17)

- **The Bible is About a Government**

The Bible is about the government or authority of a Kingdom.

- **The Bible is About a Colonization Process**

The purpose of a Kingdom is to colonize.

Colonization simply means the extension of a King's influence over a foreign territory. Colonization is the expansion of a Kingdom over a distant territory. **That is the entire project of the Bible.** God's interest was not to get you to heaven. You were sent to colonize the earth for the Kingdom of heaven.

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 **even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.** In love 5 he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,*

*14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”
(Ephesians 1:4-13)*

- **The Colony Declared Independence from the Kingdom**

The Bible is about the re-colonization of the earth. We call it redemption! God wants to recolonize earth because earth is His property.

- **The Bible is not About a Religion**

All three major religions on earth claim Abraham to be their father and yet Abraham never founded a religion. Yet, God's ideas are very simple!

❖ **Embracing the Ideas of God**

- **God Wanted to Extend the Kingdom of Heaven to Earth**

God wanted to extend His invisible Kingdom to a physical planet - the earth. In other words, God wanted to colonize earth with heaven. God is the original power of colonization. This is the idea. If you get the idea wrong you'll get the ideology wrong. And it is important to understand that ideology produces theology. Therefore, if your ideology is wrong then theology will be corrupt. If your ideas are incorrect then you could be preaching 40 years of corruption and calling it the gospel. This, unfortunately, is what has happened! In addition,

- **God Wanted to Fill the Earth with His Glory**

The Hebrew word for glory is the word 'kabod'.

➤ **Glory Defined**

The word 'kabod' simply means heavy. It means weight. The word also means impact, impression or imprint. It means the weight is so heavy that it leaves an imprint.

So when the Bible says the earth will be filled with the glory of God, it is talking about the culture of God. It is saying that the earth will be filled with the weight of the culture of heaven.