

# THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

A Scriptural Analysis of the Message, Mandate, and Ministry of the Messianic Kingdom.



To "rightly divide" the word of truth, we must acknowledge that while there is one God, there is more than one gospel program in Scripture. This presentation explores the specific gospel preached by Jesus and the Twelve—distinct from the message of Grace preached today.

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# Distinguishing the Message

## The Scope of the Investigation



**1. The Content:**  
What exactly was confessed?



**2. The Requirements**  
What was demanded of the believer?



**3. The Purpose:**  
Why were signs and miracles necessary?



**4. The Preachers:**  
Who carried this specific message?



**Key Insight:** This gospel was preached during Christ's earthly ministry, early Acts, and will be preached again in the End Times (Matt 24:14).

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# The Content Was Identity, Not Atonement

**JESUS = THE CHRIST = THE SON OF GOD**

## Exhibit A: John 20:31

“But these are written, that ye might believe that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**; and that believing ye might have life through his name.”

*John 8:24 - ...for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”*

The specific requirement for salvation under this program was recognizing the King: that Jesus of Nazareth is the Jewish Messiah.

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# The Missing Information

**Mark 9:32** - "But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him."

**Luke 18:34** - "And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them..."

**REDACTED**  
**HIDDEN FROM VIEW**

**John 20:9** - "For as yet they knew not the **scripture**, that he must rise again from the dead."

**Conclusion:** Since the disciples were preaching the Kingdom Gospel while being ignorant of the cross, the cross could not have been the content of that gospel.

# The Confession of the King



I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.  
(John 1:34)



We believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.  
(John 6:69)



I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God...  
(John 11:27)



Lord, I believe [on the Son of God].  
(John 9:35-38)

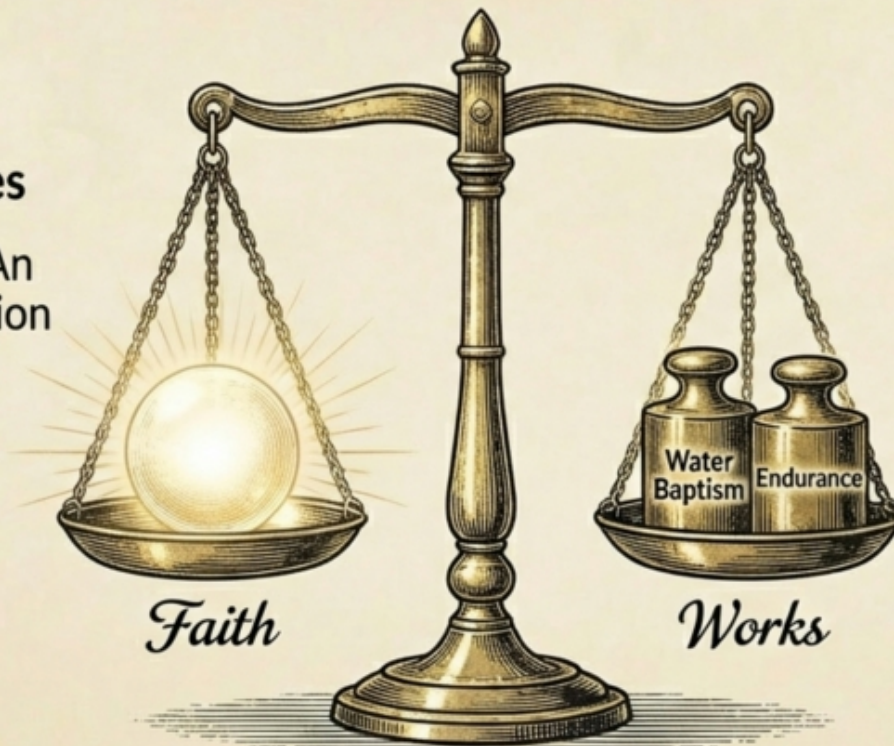
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Unifying Thread: Recognition of Identity and Authority.

# Requirements: Faith Manifested Through Works

## The Two Mandates

1. **Water Baptism:** An essential expression of faith.
2. **Endurance:** Faithfulness required until the end.



## The Endurance Clause

**Matthew 24:13** - "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

**Note:** Unlike the Dispensation of Grace where the believer is sealed instantly, the Kingdom program warned that "the love of many shall wax cold" and required steadfastness.

# The Necessity of Water Baptism



## The Publicans

Justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John.  
(Luke 7:29)

Mark 1:4 - John preached the "baptism of repentance for the remission of sins."



## The Pharisees

Rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.  
(Luke 7:30)

Rejection of water baptism equaled rejection of the message.

# Case Study: The Thief on the Cross

## The Anomaly:

How was he saved  
without baptism?  
(Luke 23:43)



## The Resolution:

1. Baptism was not a "magic wash" for dirt.
2. It was an Expression of Faith.
3. God credits faith where Opportunity is absent (Incapacity).
4. For the crowds on the ground, refusal to baptize was a fatal rejection).

**Exception:** Incapacity does not negate the Requirement

# The Purpose: A Kingdom of Priests

**Exodus 19:6** - *“And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.”*



**1 Peter 2:9** - *“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood...”*

# The Levitical Connection to Healing

## The Problem:

Leviticus 21:17-21 forbids anyone with a blemish (blind, lame, broken-footed) from approaching the altar as a priest.



## The Solution:

Matthew 4:23 - Jesus went about healing all manner of sickness.

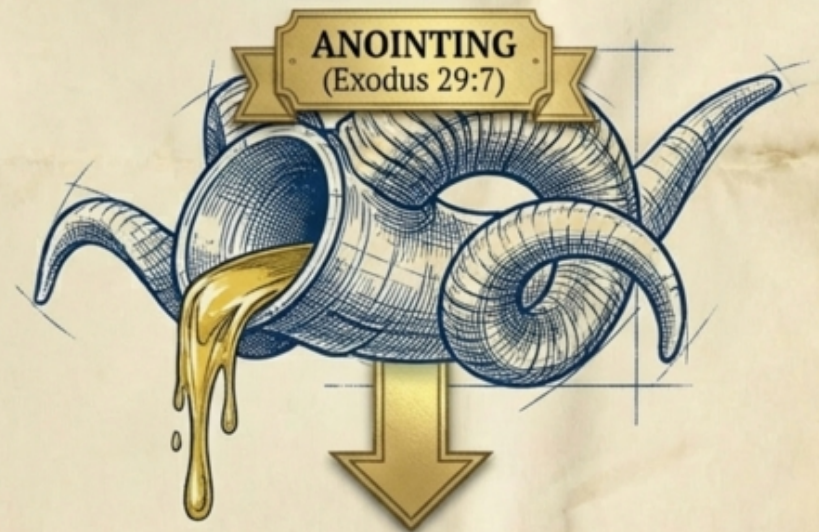
Jesus was not just being benevolent; He was physically restoring the people to make them "scripturally qualified" to serve in the prophesied Kingdom of Priests.

# The Ritual: Washing and Anointing

The Kingdom Gospel was the fulfillment of the ordination ceremony for the nation.



**Water Baptism**  
(John/Jesus/The 12)



**The Holy Ghost**  
(Acts 2 / 1 John 2:27)

# The Timeline of Preachers



**John the Baptist**  
Start Point:  
Luke 16:16



**Jesus Christ**



**The Twelve Disciples**  
Luke 9



**Early Acts Church**  
Acts 2



**End Times / Tribulation**  
Matt 24:14

The law and the prophets were until John:  
since that time *the kingdom of God is preached.*

# The Commission of the Kingdom



Mark 16:16 - He that believeth  
**AND IS BAPTIZED** shall be saved.

Matt 28:20 - Teaching them  
to **OBSERVE ALL THINGS**  
I have commanded.

**Observation:** This commission extends the Kingdom program—requiring baptism and commandment observance, consistent with the 'Kingdom of Priests' mandate.

# The Pivot: A Different Gospel

**Kingdom**

Mark 1:4 - Baptism  
for Remission of Sins.



1 Cor 1:17 - Christ sent  
me NOT to baptize.

**Kingdom**

**Grace.**

**Logical Conclusion:** If the Kingdom Gospel requires baptism,  
and Paul was sent not to baptize, then Paul was commissioned  
to preach a different message: **The Gospel of the Grace of God.**

# Summary of Findings



## CONTENT

Identity Son of God  
Not yet the cross.



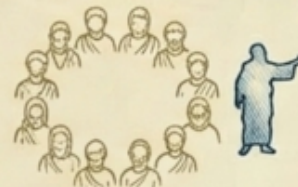
## REQUIREMENTS

Faith + Works  
(Baptism & Endurance).



## PURPOSE

To qualify a Kingdom of  
Priests (Healing/Cleansing).



## PREACHERS

The Twelve Apostles  
(Distinct from Paul).

**Recognizing the 'Gospel of the Kingdom' as a distinct program resolves contradictions in Scripture and clarifies our current standing in the Dispensation of Grace.**