

L7: The Gospels: The Gospel of the Kingdom Pt. 2

Read 1 Peter 1:1-25

Pray

Summary Points:

- One of the other misconceptions about "gospels" is that it only provides the information in which one believes to be justified unto eternal life; however, such an understanding limits the complete package in which the given gospel contains.
- Kingdom
 - Territory
 - King & Authority
 - Citizens
 - Earthly Influence (Blessing to all families of the earth)
 - Duration (Arrival & End)
 - Forever (Eternal Life)
 - Righteousness
 - Kingdom Ways
- *"This is what the program of God was all about when our Lord was here on this earth. Israel's long-awaited and covenanted "kingdom of heaven" was "at hand". And with that being the case, as Matthew, Mark, Luke, John describe, the Lord heralded beatitudes in view of it; taught the issue of entrance into it; declared who would be "least" and "great" in it; informed the 12 of their special positions in it; warned about the purging wrath that He would execute upon the nation and this world preliminary to establishing the kingdom, etc." - Keith Blades*

Lesson Points:

- The Gospel of the Kingdom
 - Two Components
 1. What to believe to be justified by faith alone unto eternal life, and
 2. Kingdom details: timing, restoration, structure, conduct, and influence to name a few.
 - The Gospel of the Kingdom - Justification unto Eternal Life
 - The Gospel of the Kingdom - Sanctification/Timing/Hope/Kingdom Ways

The Gospel of the Kingdom - Justification unto Eternal Life

- Combination of Schoolmaster of the Law & God's Righteousness in the Person of His Son
 - Schoolmaster of the Law & Water Baptism
 - Confession/Repentance of their iniquity (acknowledgement)
 - Lev. 26:39; Hos. 5:15; Matt.3:1-12; Luk. 7:28-30; Heb. 6:1-2
 - Bring them to Christ
 - From faith to faith (righteousness of God)
 - Matt. 3:11, 13; Mark 1:4-8; Jn. 1:19-34 (:23 - Isa. 40 & Mal. 3)

- Son of God - Righteousness
 - Jn. 3:3-8, 14-21
- Not Death, Burial, Resurrection
 - Not a part of the gospel of the kingdom at the first
 - "From that time"
 - Matt. 4:12 - "the gospel of the kingdom"
 - Matt. 16:21 - "must suffer" (last 6 months of ministry)
 - Only to His closest of disciples
 - Did not know (Matt. 16:21-28; Luke 18:34 (pre-cross), Luke 24:44-47 (post resurrection))
- Eventually part of the gospel of the kingdom
 - The Gospel of the Kingdom - 1 Peter 1:17-25
 - "The Gospel of God" - 1 Peter 4:17

The Gospel of the Kingdom - Sanctification/Timing/Hope/Kingdom Ways

- Water Baptism
- Little Flock (True Israel of God)
- Timing
 - "at hand"
 - Matt. 3:1ff, 4:17ff
 - Mark 1:15
 - Luke 21:31
- Hope
 - Kingdom
 - Luke 1:31-33
 - Daniel 2
 - Matt. 6:10
 - Revelation 21
 - Christ
 - 1 Peter 1:3-12
 - Reward
 - Matt. 5:12, 46, 6:1-18
- Kingdom Ways
 - Matt. 5:1ff - Sermon on the Mount
 - Ps. 15, 24, 50, Isa. 33