

# THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

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## Kingdom Mentality

As believers we are living in the last days. The period between Christ's resurrection and His return. Return from where? The Kingdom of Heaven. The Kingdom is the place where God resides in all His glorious power. Every kingdom has a culture, a belief system, laws, government and typically members of that society. As ambassadors of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20), we are representatives of Christ for His Kingdom on earth.

### A Godly Colony

Whilst colonial powers spread out across the world over the past 7000 years, their goal was to spread their own kingdoms and ways of life to the rest of the world. In doing so joining wealth, imparting beliefs, and improving their (the lead base) position, among other things, for strategic purposes. Typically to enable further future security and growth of the kingdom.

Whilst there are similarities between the expansion of earthy kingdoms and the Kingdom of Heaven, there is a clear difference:

The Kingdom of Heaven is led by a sinless being, and its members choose to be connected or not. They are never forced against their will.

### Members of the Kingdom of Heaven

As members of the Kingdom of Heaven, we should know about our membership. Understanding that we are ambassadors and beneficiaries for Christ, not only benefits us but our context for sharing in the first place.

- Saved by grace.
- Access to the King.
- A Royal Inheritance.
- Guidance of an all-knowing sinless God.
- Beneficiaries to Kingdom laws, principles and promises.

Equally, rejecting God disconnects us from His Kingdom.

### The Battle of Two Worlds - Spiritual Warfare

- Abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. (1 Peter 2:11)
- It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions. (Titus 2:11-13)
- What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed? (Luke 9:25)
- Everything in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life comes not from the Father but from the world. (1 John 2:15-17)

## Sharing the Kingdom

### Sharing the Kings Message

What we know is incredible. Do we share with equal passion? Often our lives can become distracted by the world (the colonies own kingdom) from God's Kingdom:

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2, ESV)*

*Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (1 John 2:15, ESV)*

Whereas nations fight over whose responsibility it is to take the refugee and where they belong, Christ welcomes all to The Kingdom with citizenship guaranteed to those that choose Him over the world.

*Jesus said "My Kingdom is not of this world"... (John 18:36, NIV)*

## What is the Kingdom of God?

Is it the Church? What effect can it have on the earth today and to the many people that are in need across this earth?

The Kingdom of God is...

- The Good News - Luke 4:43
- Near - Mark 1:15
- Available only to those born again - John 3:3
- Not earthly - John 18:36
- Full of secrets - Luke 8:10
- Like a farmer scattering seed - Mark 4:26
- Like a mustard seed - Mark 4:31
- Like yeast - Luke 13:10
- Hard for rich people to enter - Mark 10:23
- For the child of heart - Mark 10:15
- Is never ending - Luke 1:33
- Connected to healing - Luke 9:2, 9:11
- The greatest within it, become great untraditionally - Luke 9:46
- Blocked by some people, from entering - Luke 11:52
- Accessible only by faith - Mark 10:4
- A gift from the Father - Luke 12:32

## Sharing Kingdom Culture

What is the culture of this Kingdom? It is living as Christ lived; the template Ambassador. Christ is our blueprint for living in the world with the culture of another world:

*You judge me by human standards, but I do not judge anyone. (John 8:15, NLT)*

## Full Members

We don't love and leave. We're there as an available ambassador to guide beyond a simple explanation of the Kingdom. This means we are only capable ambassadors if we know a little about something.

- Compel means to make the Kingdom clear and concise.
- Never pushy, upset, annoyed, angry, forceful, argumentative, disagreeable.

***Share - Love - Pray  
Follow Up - Support If Needed***

- Let the word, do its work.

## The Morphing Worldly Kingdom

The kingdom of this world has its own leader. Whether we like it or not we are always selectively under somebody's rule. The world has now changed and the culture of the place is now becoming a collective worldly culture, in that a country will lose its individual culture in order to accept a global one. Ironically, one that is aggressive towards the Kingdom of Heaven and its civilians.

Ambassadors are graceful occupants in a foreign place. We represent where we come from. Our identities define where we come from and who we represent.

The Kingdom of God is our home destination. It is the source of our identity above all other earthly cultures for the true believer. It is the place of hope that we do not keep for ourselves. It has the power to invade earth with the will of God and in the process restore men and women to their rightful place as heirs and beneficiaries.