# The Kingdom

# Kingdom Living: Transformation, Inside-Out

# Definition of Kingdom



"The kingdom is the King's power over the King's people in the King's place."

-Patrick Schreiner

The Kingdom of God and the Glory of the Cross

# Progression of the Kingdom

#### Kingdom Glory: Back to the Future

#### Revelations of God's Glorious Kingdom for His People:

- FUTURE (Revelation)
- BEGINNING (Genesis)
- HOPE (entire Bible)

#### God's Majestic Kingdom & Word on Display

# Our need to Belong in God's Kingdom:

- God's CREATION
- The WORD of GOD
- Kingdom AGENDA
- Found in JESUS CHRIST (the Psalms)

**Kingdom Come: God With Us** 

# How Jesus brought the Kingdom of God to mankind:

- DECLARED
- DESCRIBED
- DEMONSTRATED
- DELIVERED

(the Gospels & Acts)

# The Gospel of the Kingdom

"The good news of the kingdom of God is the announcement of God's King (Christ) establishing His rule, bringing salvation and judgment through the cross, reversing the curse, and bringing God's perfect will to earth as it is in heaven."

-Pastor Tim Stephens

# God's Kingdom Reigning In Us!

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Kingdom Word
Come: God

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With Us

God's Kingdom Reigning In Us: God's POWER working through His PEOPLE in His PLACE – the Heart

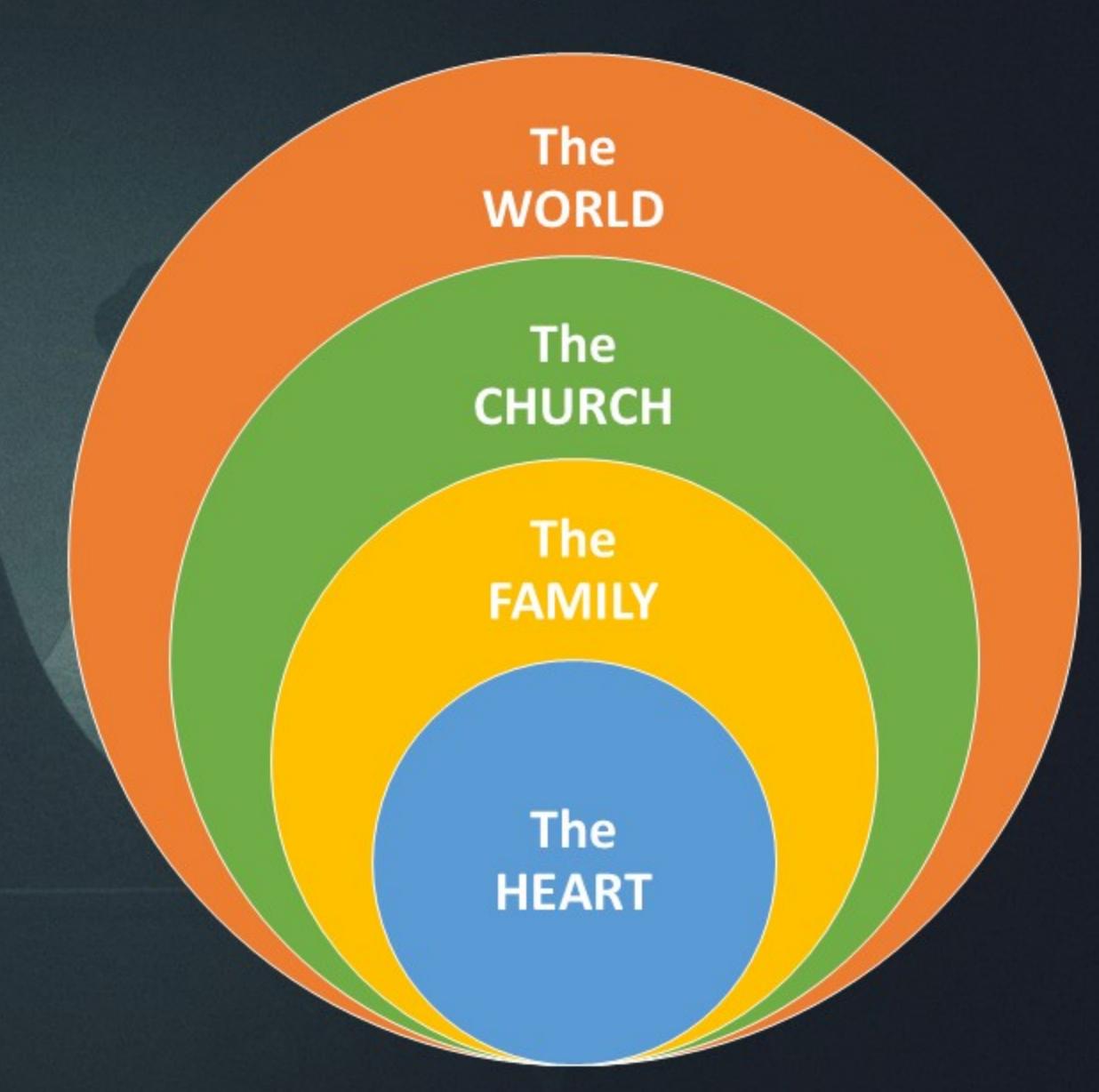
#### **Kingdom Living:**

The people of God acting as loyal citizens of the Kingdom of God.

Kingdom Living brings Transformation, Inside-Out.

#### This TRANSFORMATION:

- INSIDE the HEART
- INSIDE of the FAMILY
- OUT through the CHURCH
- OUT into the WORLD



Kingdom Living comes through 4 means of Inside-Out Transformation:

1) INSIDE the HEART

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#### **John 3:3**

"Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

#### 2 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new."

#### 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

#### Romans 12:2

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

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#### 2) INSIDE of the FAMILY

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Loving Leadership

Eph 5:25-28, 33; Col 3:19; 1Peter 3:7-8

#### **Ephesians 5:25, 28**

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her... So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself."

#### 2) INSIDE of the FAMILY

Wives

Respectful Submission

Eph 5:22-24, 33; Col 3:18; 1Peter 3:1-6

#### 1 Peter 3:1-2

"Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear."

#### 2) INSIDE of the FAMILY

Children

Honoring Obedience

Eph 6:1-3; Col 3:20; Ex 20:12; Prov 1:8-9

#### Ephesians 6:1-3

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother,' which is the first commandment with promise: 'that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

#### 2) INSIDE of the FAMILY

Parents

Disciplined Instruction

Eph 6:4; Col 3:21; Deut 6:6-7; Prov 29:17

#### Ephesians 6:4

"And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

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#### Titus 2:1-8

"But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine:

That the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience;

The older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior; not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their husbands, that the Word of God may not be blasphemed.

Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you."

#### 3) OUT through the CHURCH

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

"And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

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Kingdom Living goes out into the World through a transformed people living as a holy nation.

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#### 1 Peter 2:9-12

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation."

#### 4) OUT into the WORLD

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"Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men."

#### Galatians 6:7-10

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

And let us now grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."