

## Message One

### **The Development of the Kingdom of God into a Realm over which God Rules in His Divine Life**

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:15; John 3:3, 5; Luke 4:43; 17:20-21; 2 Pet. 1:4-11

- I. The kingdom of God is God Himself – Mark 1:15; Matt. 6:33; John 3:3:**
  - A. God's kingdom has God as its content; God Himself is everything as the content of His kingdom – 1 Cor. 4:20; 15:28.
  - B. The life of God is the kingdom of God and also entrance into the kingdom of God; we must see this basic principle – vv. 3, 5, 15.
  - C. In actuality, God's reigning over us is not an outward matter but a matter of the innate ability of the divine life – Rom. 8:2.
- II. The kingdom of God is the realm of the divine species, in which are all the divine things – John 3:3, 5:**
  - A. To enter into the divine realm, the realm of the divine species, we need to be born of God to have the life and nature of God, thereby becoming God-men in the kingdom of God – vv. 12-13.
  - B. We were regenerated of God to be the species of God and enter into the kingdom of God – 3:3, 5.
- III. The kingdom of God is Christ Himself as the seed of life sown into His believers and developing into a realm over which God rules as His kingdom in His divine life – Luke 4:43; 8:5, 10; 17:20;21; Mark 4:3, 26-29:**
  - A. The kingdom of God is a wonderful person – the Lord Jesus Christ, the embodiment of the Triune God; wherever He is, the kingdom of God is – Col. 2:9; Luke 17:20-21.
  - B. The Lord Jesus is the seed of the kingdom of God to be sown into God's chosen people to develop into God's ruling realm – 8:5, 10; Mark 4:26-29.
- IV. We need to experience the development of the divine life and the divine nature contained in the divine seed that has been sown into us so that we may have a rich entrance into the eternal kingdom – 2 Pet. 1:1, 4-11:**
  - A. We have been allotted the wonderful equally precious faith, and this faith is an all-inclusive seed.
  - B. We should be diligent to pursue the growth and development of the divine life and divine nature for a rich entrance into the eternal kingdom – vv. 10-11.
- V. As those who have been born of God to enter into the kingdom of God, we need to be recovered back to the direct rule of God by the intuition in our spirit – Matt. 5:3; 1 Cor. 2:11; Mark 2:8:**
  - A. In the dispensation of innocence, we see the principle of God's rule; in the dispensation of conscience, the principle of self-rule; and in the dispensation of human government, the principle of man's rule,
  - B. Because man has degraded from God's rule to human rule, God, in saving man, must recover him from human rule to divine rule – Matt. 5:3, 8; 6:33

- C. When we are under God's rule, we live by the intuition of our spirit according to the sense of life – Rom. 8:4, 6.