

Message Four

Preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and Discipling All the Nations for the Spread and Development of the Kingdom of God

Scripture Reading: Matt. 24:14; 28:18-20; Mark 1:14-15; 1 Thes. 2:12

- I. **“This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole inhabited earth for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end shall come” – Matt. 24:14:**
 - A. The kingdom of God is a divine sphere for God to work out His plan; it is a realm where God can exercise His authority to accomplish what He intends – Mark 1:15; John 3:3, 5; Matt. 12:28; Rev. 11:15.
 - B. The fundamental problem in the universe is rebellion against the authority of God – Isa. 14:12-14.
 - C. Through the gospel of the kingdom, God brings people out of the authority of darkness and under the ruling of His heavenly authority so that they may become His kingdom – Matt. 24:14; Rev. 1:5-6.
 - D. God commands everyone to repent for the kingdom – Matt. 3:2; 4:17; Acts 17:30.
 - E. The gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole inhabited earth for a testimony to all the nations before the end of this age – Matt. 24:14.
- II. **“Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” – Matt. 28:19:**
 - A. In His divinity, as the only begotten Son of God, the Lord had authority over all; however, in His humanity, as the Son of Man and the King of the heavenly kingdom, all authority in heaven and on earth was given to Him after His resurrection – vv. 1-10, 18.
 - B. Because all authority has been given to the resurrected Christ, He sent His disciples to disciple all the nations; they go with His authority – vv. 18-19.
 - C. After Christ as the Last Adam had accomplished His ministry on earth, passed through the process of crucifixion, entered into the realm of resurrection, and had become the life-giving Spirit, He came back to His disciples in the atmosphere and reality of His resurrection to charge them to make the heathen the kingdom people by baptizing them into the name, the person, the reality, of the Divine Trinity.
 - D. According to Matthew, being baptized into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Spirit is for the constituting of the kingdom of the heavens – v. 19.
 - E. In Matthew 28:20 the Lord charged us to teach the newly baptized ones to observe all that He has commanded us – v. 19.
 - F. “Behold, I am with you all the days until the consummation of the age” – v. 20.
 - G. In His resurrection the Lord is present, and we have His authority, commission, and position to disciple the nations for the spread and development of the kingdom of God.