

Encounter Church
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Empowered and Unstoppable
An Unshakable Kingdom

INTRODUCTION: Many believe that the Book of Acts is simply a continuation of the Gospel of Luke. Dr. Luke is actually writing to the same person in both books, Theophilus, which means, friend of God or loved by God. Some think Dr. Luke was referring to all those who are followers of Jesus Christ since there isn't much said about a person named Theophilus.

Acts 1:1-3-(NLT) "In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God."

"The Kingdom of God is the divine rule of God in human hearts, lives and situations and it was a prominent theme of Jesus teaching while on the earth."

The Priority of the Kingdom- Matthew 6:33 (NLT)- "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."

The Requirement of the Kingdom- John 3:3 (NLT)- "Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

The inward nature of the Kingdom- Luke 17:21 (NKJV)- "the kingdom of God is within you."

The Value of the Kingdom- Matthew 13:44 (NLT)- "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field."

The Nature of Entrance into the Kingdom- Mark 10:15 (NLT)- "I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

Now He is about to leave the earth and He's imparting this responsibility to His disciples so He's talking to them about the Kingdom of God!

HERE'S WHAT I REALLY LOVE IN TALKING ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

Hebrews 12:28- (NLT)- "Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe."

So must we remember there is an unshakable kingdom in a very shaky world.

Unshakable- firm, steadfast, steady, stiff, unbendable, unfaltering, unwavering, watertight, bulletproof. Just like CHUCK NORRIS.

When COVID-19 encountered Church Norris COVID-19 went into quarantine!

It is possible for His unshakable Kingdom to so penetrate the fabric of our lives that even though we may be shocked by circumstances, we will not become shaken by them.

WE CAN BE SHOCKED BUT NOT SHAKEN!

Luke 17:21- "...For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

SO, BECAUSE THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS UNSHAKABLE

1. My Faith is Unshakable

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (NLT)- "Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. And do everything with love."

WHEN THE ENEMY ATTACKS

Ephesians 6:13-16- (NKJV)- "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one."

MY FAITH IS UNSHAKABLE!

2. My Hope is Unshakable

Hebrews 11:1-(NKJV) "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Romans 4:18-(NLT)- "Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!"

Hope- a confident expectation or anticipation of good, rather than a mere wish. It represents a firm assurance, a joyful expectation.

Romans 15:13- "I'll pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

UNSHAKABLE HOPE! I WANT TO OVERFLOW WITH HOPE! WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN OVERFLOWING WITH?

If someone came up to you today and said, "You're full of it!" What would they be referring to? I WANT IT TO BE HOPE IN MY LIFE!

AND BECAUSE I HAVE UNSHAKABLE HOPE AND UNSHAKABLE FAITH

3. My Peace is Unshakable

In this unshakable Kingdom is Unshakable peace.

Romans 14:17- (NKJV) "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,"

You and I can have peace that is firm, steadfast, unwavering, watertight and bulletproof!

PEACE IS NOT PASSIVITY!

Romans 16:20- "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you."

(TPT)- "And the God of peace will swiftly pound Satan to a pulp under your feet! And the wonderful favor of our Lord Jesus will surround you."

Peace doesn't sound passive to me!

CONCLUSION: My friends, we have received an unshakable Kingdom. Jesus sat and talked with His disciples about this unshakable Kingdom. This is what was on his mind just before he left this earth!

TODAY OUR WORLD IS A SHAKY PLACE. AGAIN, WE CAN BE SHOCKED BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO BE SHAKEN!

Empowered and Unstoppable in a Kingdom that is Unshakable!

BUT- YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN! LET'S PRAY