

Kingdom Within Introduction

Matthew 5: 14 & 16

- This series following on Kingdom Now
- Now that we have determine that God's kingdom is here Now, (in a spiritual sphere) how do we start to operate in it?
- How do we receive it? Luke 12: 32

- Jesus described His followers as having "spiritual light"
- Just as light is generated in cities, and we see that how those lights shine into space
- In a similar way, our spiritual light is generated within us.
- When we repent, and are born again, God comes to dwell inside us through the Holy Spirit
- And the kingdom is established within us. Luke 17: 20-21

- It's not only God's pleasure to give us the kingdom - but when we repent, and get reborn we are transferred, delivered from the dominion of darkness, to the Kingdom of His Son, (the dominion of light). Colossians 1: 13

In this series we will look at how to:

Re-position ourselves
Re-align ourselves to receive everything God has in store for us!!!

To receive this light of God, the Kingdom of God within us!!

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① Repentance - Re-position

- Jesus preached the gospel of the Kingdom
- John the baptist & Jesus Christ both preached the same message.
- They both called people to repentance first. Why?
- Because the Kingdom of God had arrived, and the people's hearts had to be ready to receive it.

Mark 1: 14-15

* Repentance is the condition for preparing to receive the Kingdom and for being born into the Kingdom of God!!

• Repentance is the first step - Jesus said so!

Romans 3: 23

• Why is repentance needed? - Because we have all sinned

• What is true repentance? - It is a change of thinking and a true remorse for past sins.

Romans 12: 2

- True remorse will cause us to turn 180° away and walk into the other direction

- True remorse is not saying sorry and continuing in sin

- True remorse is dying to our old sinful nature and being alive to righteousness

Romans 6: 11-4

- True remorse is when we return to God and His ways, and turn from the world and our old ways.

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① Repentance - re-position

Mark 1: 14-15

- We said last week that repentance has 2 meanings, we looked at true remorse for our sins

Romans 12: 2

- It also requires a renewing of the mind/thinking

- the transformation process requires a complete change of mind

- What does that mean?

- We have to start thinking differently, a complete new way!

- Why? Because "as a man thinks in his heart, so is he"

- So if we think worldly, we will be worldly

Proverbs 23: 7

* We have to change our thinking from:

carrot mind

lost → saved	slave → royalty	we are:	loved
empty → filled	bondage → freedom		forgiven
sick → healed	sinners → saints		called
broken → restored	servants → sons		chosen
Graves → Gardens	Shame → Glory		

then Philippians tells us also what to think

Philippians 4: 8

- As we "repent" have true remorse and

change the way we think, transformation will come

- There will be a process of change, a "metamorphosis"

• The evidence of repentance is change, and change is not change until there is genuine transformation.

- We can not remain the same, and say we have repented.

That is simply not true... and we are lying to ourselves

• Repentance is the unalterable condition for preparing to receive the Kingdom and for being born into the Kingdom of God.

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② Reborn - Re-align

John 3:3-5

- The last weeks we've looked at repentance
- How important/vital it is to have true remorse and to change the way we think.
- For the Kingdom of God to manifest in our lives, we have to go through repentance, and also be born again
- Jesus is clear on this

• otherwise we will be unable to "see" or "enter" the Kingdom of God

• The Greek word for born here is "gennaō"
meaning: be born; bring forth; conceive; regenerate

• I personally like the word "regenerate"
Regenerate meaning:

→ strong, healthy, full of energy

↳ Bring new & more vigorous life to
↳ to grow new tissue, after loss/damage

- Jesus changes His statement here, because He is not repeating Himself. The two words He uses are different.

- The word "see" that He uses here means "to perceive with ones senses"; "to turn the eyes, the mind; the attention."

* There has to be a regeneration of the mind

* If our thinking are not regenerated we cannot "see"

- observe; understand; or perceive by our senses the Kingdom

* We will look at the second part where Jesus speaks about entering the Kingdom of God next week.

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② Reborn - Re-align

John 3:3-5

- (V5) - We have to be born from water & Spirit
- Otherwise we cannot "enter" the Kingdom of God
 - Water might be symbolic of the baptism here because John baptized unto repentance, and so did the disciples of Jesus
 - But it can also speak of the Spirit of God as water
 - Regenerating like water does
 - Water brings new life, it washes, it cleanses
 - We have to be made alive, regenerated by the Holy Spirit
 - Then we can live and enter into God's Kingdom
 - Then we can re-align with God to receive what He has for us Luke 12:32

- Rebirth requires regeneration of our thinking and quickening of our spirits
- If we don't go through rebirth, we remain spiritually dormant, and cannot understand anything regarding the spirit
- What is born of flesh is flesh, what is born of spirit is spirit

The Reborn process will have a strong, healthy, full of energy new and vigorous life as a result.

To be Reborn, re-align us with God, spiritually. We can now communicate with Him because He is Spirit and we have been born spiritually.

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③ Restore - Receive

- So when we go through the process of repentance and rebirth we receive the Holy Spirit
- We are baptized with the Holy Spirit of God and the Fire of God
- We are bought with a price, and are no longer our own, but belong fully to God
- God's Kingdom is established within us
- God's royal power, dominion, kingship and rule starts manifesting within us

Luke 17:21

Matthew 3:11

1 Corinthians 6:19

Our spirits & hearts become the territory of God
Our spirits & hearts become the territory of heaven
Our spirits & hearts become the territory of the Kingdom

How do we then receive the Kingdom of God?

- We need to have the characteristics of little children to be able to receive everything God & His Kingdom has for us!

Mark 10:13-15

- * Childlike Dependence
- * Childlike trust
- * Childlike humility
- * Childlike Surrender
- * Childlike Joy.

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③ Restore - Receive

Matthew 18:1-5

- Unless one is "converted", the greek there speaking of "turn"; "changing thinking"; turn away
- Unless one repent & are reborn and become as little children, you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven.
- It is safe to say that unless one repent & are born again the Kingdom of Heaven can't come, or manifest within you either!
- So we have repented, we have been reborn, and now a new set of characteristics should be evident in our lives

• As Children of God we should:

* These are a few characteristics of children that God wants in His children

- ① Depend on the Lord
John 15:4-5
- ② Trust in the Lord
Proverbs 3:5
- ③ Be Humble like a child
Colossians 3:12
- ④ Surrender fully to the Lord
Isaiah 64:8
- ⑤ Have Joy like a child
Romans 14:17

We come into the Kingdom by the Kingdom's coming in us, it receives us by our receiving it.

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Luke 15: 11-32

Conclusion

- * For the Kingdom to come within us, within our hearts we need to Repent, be Reborn and Restored
- * For the Kingdom to come in our lives, we need to reposition ourselves, be realigned with God to receive all He and His Kingdom has for us.

Prodigal Son

- He, the youngest son left the Father's house, ask for his inheritance
 - Went to become a citizen of another country (world system)
 - Lost everything, then came to himself
 - Returned home, speaking of **repentance** ①
 - He came to the Father's house, was accepted just the way he was!
 - The father gave him, the best **robe**, **a ring** and **shoes**
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- By receiving all of these he got **reborn** ② into the Father's family
- **The** Fatted calf was killed for him, there was shedding of blood - that speaks of full forgiveness of his sins.

- Everything was **restored** ③ unto him, because he was accepted back into his Father's house, and therefore everything that the Father owns, now was his