

Kingdom Living

Luke 15: 27-32

What is Kingdom Living?

- A life free from self-righteousness
- It's a life free from religion
- It's a lifestyle of Power & Dominion
- For this lifestyle to be possible, there is some things we have to identify and deal with
- Otherwise we will either be stuck in religion or stuck in the world system
- You can be a Christian and miss Kingdom living
- Many Christians live defeated lives because they are doing religion
- Many people still live lives that are dominated by something or someone
- Jesus paid the price for us to live in dominion

Mark 16: 15-18

What should we preach?

the Gospel
(good news)

What is the Gospel?

Matthew 4: 23

What would follow us?

signs { Power
Dominion
language

→ This is what evidence will be present in our lives
→ This is what should come out of our mouths

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Matthew 16:13-20

Religion vs Kingdom

- Jesus says He will build His church
- Church is from the Greek word "ekklesia" meaning:
"gathering of citizens called out from their homes"
- Church is not a religious word, its a legal word
- Jesus's intention was never to establish a religion, but a assembly of citizens, an agency to advance His Kingdom
- He gives to us the "keys" of the Kingdom of Heaven
- There is keys of the Kingdom
- But if we don't know what the keys do, or what they are for, or don't have any knowledge on them, they are useless.

Matthew 13:10-12

Matthew 23:13

Luke 11:52-54

- Religion will take away the "key of knowledge" and will hinder you from entering the Kingdom
- Religion will "shut up" the Kingdom of Heaven
- When we enter the Kingdom of God, there is keys that is available to us. It is to get the knowledge on those keys that will help us to live successfully in the Kingdom

When we understand this, we can conclude that a religion can be stopped. But the church that Jesus planted and intended (agency of the Kingdom) the assembly of citizens can never be stopped, not even the gates of death can stop it!!!

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Religion vs Kingdom

Matthew 6:33

- Seek First the Kingdom of God
- Not the baptist, methodist, catholic church/denomination
- We have to seek the Kingdom & a relationship with God
- the church is not the Kingdom, the Kingdom is not the church
- the church is an agency of the Kingdom of God

agency meaning: "a business or organization providing a particular service on behalf of another business, person, or group."

- the greater problem is that the church has become a religious organization that gives a service that differs from the Kingdom
- it has become an agency that sells a grey product and not the original product of the Kingdom of God.

Matthew 4:23

Mark 1:38

Luke 4:43

- Jesus preached the Kingdom of God and taught with signs, wonders & miracles the power of God
- The church preach what Jesus did and teach nothing (not sinners)

Religion & Religious leaders was Jesus's greatest opposition

- it is still the Kingdom of God's greatest opposition.

Matthew 23:13

Matthew 16:11-12

- Religion shuts you out of the Kingdom of God

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Dominion vs Domination

- God's original plan was for man to dominate earth
- For man to have dominion, He gave them the Holy Spirit, they "ceive the Holy Spirit"
- The old english word "ceive" means to "get"

Genesis 1:26-27

Genesis 2:7

Genesis 9:1-7

God's original plan was to rule the seen world from the unseen, by the unseen living in the seen on the scene

- Man lost the Holy Spirit (the Governor of the Kingdom)
- Without the Governor there is no more contact with the Kingdom
- Man could not fulfill his dominion mandate the God gave him, because he lost connection with heaven
- To influence earth with heaven, you have to be connected to heaven
- Man then became subject to everything that was originally subject to him
- Even now man in general are still dominated by the very things we should dominate
- For example, many are dominated by plants, cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, money etc...

John 20:22

Jesus came to restore what man has lost, He made a way for man to receive the Governor, so that we can fulfill our dominion mandate

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Dominion vs Domination

Image

Hebrew "tselem" Greek "eikon"

↳ meaning "resemblance"

↳ man was created to resemble God

just like Christ resembles God, even as Christ resembled God the Father when He walked the earth

Genesis 1:26-27
Genesis 2:18-23

Colossians 1:15

2 Corinthians 4:4

2 Cor 3:18

Likeness

Hebrew "demuth"

By receiving the Holy Spirit we are changed into the image of Christ from glory to glory by His Spirit

↳ meaning likeness - the perfectness of an image

↳ man was created to be like God, to think like God and to have the same characteristics as God

Rom 8:29

This shows that if man does the right things (according to God's Word) God will let it stand!! Adam named, God appeared.

- How did Adam know how to give them names?
- And what kind of names to give them?
- Adam spoke all the languages (there was only 1)

Did Adam go to school?
Did Adam know how to read?
Did God tell him what the names should be?
Did God teach him to come up with all the names
No!!

↳ God breathed His Spirit into man, therefore Adam received some of God's knowledge, wisdom, understanding and even intelligence!

• Adam named all the animals without creating them
He received supernatural knowledge

• God made man to manage, rule, have dominion, and gave him the inherent capabilities to do so in a godly manner

• God created man, breathed life into him, and also gave him some of His intelligence, His abilities, and what He has and is

• After God gave man all of these things, man was able to fulfill the dominion mandate given by God, use the delegated authority, rule and increase earth.

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Colossians
1: 9-13

Spiritual vs Carnal

* We spoke about religion vs Kingdom and dominion vs domination → and both of these will keep us from real Kingdom Living

* The other thing that will keep us from Kingdom Living is our flesh! When we become free in Christ from religion and are no longer dominated by the enemy, things of this world, we need to be living in the spirit to live Kingdom lifestyles

- You cannot live spiritual life in the flesh
- The flesh are against the spirit
- We have to get rid of our carnal nature, or at least start to rule over it spiritually
- You cannot understand the things of the spirit if you are carnally minded
- So many people fail to live in the Kingdom, because they try to do so out of the flesh.

Colossians
1: 9-13

This is Kingdom Living!!

- We should walk worthy of the Lord
- Fully pleasing Him
- Being fruitful
- In every good work
- Increasing in the knowledge of God

- Strengthened with all might
- According to His glorious Power
- For all patience, longsuffering with Joy
- Giving thanks to the Father

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Spiritual vs Carnal

How do we walk worthy of the Lord? (Colossians 1:9)

- ↳ We need to walk in a way that pleases God! (Heb 11:6)
- ↳ To do so we need also to know what doesn't please God.

- If we are in the flesh we cannot please God
- To be carnally minded is death.

Romans
8:5-17

↳ What does it mean to be in the flesh & carnally minded?

- We cannot walk like this
- if we do we cannot live a lifestyle pleasing to God
- Therefore we cannot partake in Kingdom Living

Ephesians
5:1-20
(Easy English Translation)

* Then walking worthy of the Lord, is walking in the Spirit by faith, not partaking in the things of the flesh.

- When we sow to the spirit we will not just reap life, or kingdom life, we will also reap everlasting life!!

Galatians
6:6-10

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Conclusion

In this series we covered a couple of very important aspects of Kingdom Living.

↳ We started off by looking at the oldest son in the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15

↳ And determined that we can be stuck in religion and religiosity and miss Kingdom Living

↳ We saw how Jesus came to bring and give us a Kingdom, that has keys, principles, constitution etc.

↳ He did not come to start a religion but to establish His Kingdom in the hearts of men, and to build His church - the agency of the Kingdom

↳ We saw how He made us - In His image & likeness to have dominion here on earth.

↳ Not over each other, but over His creation

↳ And then we looked at living a lifestyle controlled by the spirit, not to be led by the flesh or any carnal thinking or living. We need to press in!

Press into the Kingdom Luke 16:16

* These are very important aspects (vital) if we want to pursue with Kingdom Living as sons & daughters of God

* Why? You may still ask this question, why should I pursue Kingdom Living?

* Because Christ gave you some goods.

* Those goods need to be invested in the Kingdom of God

* We can only invest ourselves in the Kingdom if we start living in it!!

Matthew 25:14-30

Kingdom Living, Not only do we live in it, that which Christ gave us will be multiplied to the benefit of the Kingdom