

REFLECTING THE KINGDOM

What is The Gospel of the Kingdom?

- The Gospel of the Kingdom is the kingdom of God's reign . **Ps.103:19**: "The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all." Understand the basic meaning of the word *kingdom* as *rule*. It doesn't mean that his kingdom rules over his realm; it means that God's reign or rule governs all things.
- He sits as king on his throne of the universe, and his kingly rule — his kingdom and his reign — governs all things. The basic meaning of the word *kingdom* in the Bible is God's kingly rule — his reign, his action, his lordship, his sovereign governance.

The Call of the Kingdom

- The Kingdom is the rule of the King of Kings.
- One of the Mystery's of the Kingdom is that there are 2 kinds of people included in the present.
- There are those who love the fellowship of the body and those who love the fellowship with the King.
- There are those who love the power and control and those who love the leading of King.
- There are those who love the Form and the singing and those who love to worship the King.
- There are some who are IN the "church", but not OF the Kingdom, because they are not under His rule. Matt.7:21-23

The Gospel of The Kingdom

- **But, the Kingdom of the heavens is available to EVERYONE! Matt. 5:2-11**
- **And so he said, “Blessed are the spiritual zeros—the spiritually bankrupt, deprived and deficient, the spiritual beggars, those without a wisp of ‘religion’—when the kingdom of the heavens comes upon them.”**
- **Jesus is teaching the kingdom of the heavens is available to everyone. From spiritual beggars to religious elites. Blessed is anyone who seeks the kingdom and lives under the rule of THE KING!**

Living The Gospel of The Kingdom

- When we are Living under the rule of the King, it will change our values and how we live. 5:13-16**
- The expression, “You are the Salt of the earth”, was given to the ordinary people. 4:23-5:1**
- Jesus was not talking to the brightest and the best!**
- We ARE the light of the world! Wherever you are and whoever you meet, let your light glow in such a way that your actions bring glory to the Father! 16**
- We are to “put on Christ” Gal.3:27-29**

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- **5:17** – Jesus wanted to make it clear that this new approach to living the Gospel was not a new way, but rather, it was fulfilling what God had intended from the beginning.
- **20**-Doing better than the scribes and Pharisees means doing more than religious acts. They had twisted the law to make it self serving for the religious elite only.
- Jesus was dumping the elites out of their privileged positions and saying it is the ordinary people who can live and make a difference in the world by letting Him, live His life through them.

Living The Gospel of The Kingdom

- **Col.3:1-17**
- **Change the way we think -2**
- **Put away what is “earthly” in you – 5-9**
- **Put on Christ – 10**
- **The complete obliteration of social and cultural distinctions as a basis for life under God was clearly understood by Paul as essential to the presence of Jesus in his people.**
- **All are accepted in Christ’s love -11 Scythian = barabarian**

Living The Gospel of The Kingdom

- **Put on then...the humility of Christ (12), the forgiveness of Christ (13), the love of Christ (14)**
- **Out of character flows peace – 15**
- **How do we do this?**
 1. **Be thankful -15b**
 2. **Let the word of God dwell richly in you - 16**
 3. **In everything we do or say, do everything “in the name of Jesus” - 17**
 4. **Giving thanks!**