

“THY KINGDOM COME - Part III [Conclusion]”

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INTRO: The gospel of the N.T. is the gospel [good news] of the kingdom and is at hand – within reach of all who will repent and believe the gospel (Mark 1:14-15). The kingdom of God is the present, growing and eternal rule and reign of Jesus. Receiving the kingdom is submitting your life to the present and ongoing rule and reign of King Jesus.

I. ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- A. The Four Elements of a Kingdom: A king, a domain, subjects and a culture (principles of governance).
- B. The kingdom of God is Christianity’s Operating System.
- C. Kingdom Citizens (Phil. 3:20) are Kingdom Ambassadors (2Cor. 5:18-20) establishing Kingdom Embassies.

II. DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- A. Principles of the kingdom:
 - 1. The gospel of the kingdom is not only a message to be declared, but a reality to be demonstrated (1Cor. 4:20).
 - 2. Jesus is the King of the kingdom of God and abundantly provides for all functional citizens (Matt. 6:33).
 - 3. Functional citizens of His kingdom seek provision from Jesus as they accept & worship Him as King (Mt. 6:33).
- B. Demonstrations of the kingdom (in and through us):
 - 1. Salvation [wholeness] and miracles (Acts 8:12).
 - 2. Righteousness, peace, & joy (Rom. 14:17; Acts 8:8).
 - 3. Healing (Lk. 9:1-2; Matt. 10:7-8; Mk. 16:15-18).
 - 4. Deliverance (Lk. 9:1; Matt. 12:28; 10:7-8; Mk. 16:15, 17).
 - 5. Provision (Matt. 6:33) and 6. Power (1Cor. 4:20).
 - 7. Mysteries [of the kingdom of heaven] (Matt. 13:11-12).
 - 8. Heaven’s atmosphere on earth (Matt. 6:10).
 - 9. The keys of the kingdom (Matt. 16:19; Lk. 12:32).

III. THE PRIORITY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- A. Seek it first (Matt. 6:33).
- B. Pray for it (Matt. 6:10).
- C. Press into it (Lk. 16:16).
- D. Take it by force (Matt. 11:12).

CONCLUSION: Thy kingdom come - in and through us!