

I. Introduction

- A kingdom is entirely defined by its king. So, a kingdom is that area under the king's authority or the jurisdiction of a king.
- Therefore, the Kingdom of God is the sphere where the God's commands, rules and desires are acknowledged and executed. It's a mystery being revealed.
- The most transforming, exhilarating, satisfying, and motivating reality in the Kingdom is our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Glory Himself.
- Therefore, the very essence of the Kingdom is the revelation of this amazing, beautiful, powerful, loving, wise and majestic King.
- Any perception of the Kingdom of God must emanate from the defining reality of this Bridegroom King.
- Once we have related to the eternal God and only begotten of the Father, the Creator of all things, the King of kings and Lord of lords, the supreme authority above every other then we're in the position to effectively express this Kingdom.

II. How to enter the Kingdom

- a. The origin of the Kingdom is the King Himself. He built it from the foundation of the world
- b. Jesus is the King of Glory, King of the Universe, He brought the Kingdom in His person when He came into the world
- c. You must be born again (John 3:3-5):
 - i. You must hear the truth
 - ii. You must believe and receive the truth (Jesus Himself and His Work for you) in your heart and have your sins redeemed by the blood of the Lamb
 - iii. You accept Jesus, the son of God, as your King and you're born of the Spirit of God
 - iv. His cross represents a surrendered life, a life with no self-imposed barriers
- d. You can't earn, build, try to obtain or conquer the Kingdom
- e. You inherit the Kingdom in Jesus Christ; His Kingdom is born inside of us when He comes in and His authority is expressed through you
- f. Luke 12:32 the Father has chosen gladly to give you the Kingdom; Rom 8:32 all things

III. Characteristics of the Kingdom

- a. Jesus' life and teachings reveal to us the government of His Kingdom, the ways of His Kingdom and how to realize our miraculous inheritance, the blessings, the privileges and the provisions, having delivered us from the kingdom of darkness, of this world
- b. All Jesus taught us was fact, not merely an ideal. Man's spirit doesn't function by ideals but only what is truly real
- c. His Kingdom is eternal, unshakeable, ever advancing, invincible, miraculous and relatable (palpable)
- d. Romans 14:17 says the Kingdom is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit

- i. Righteousness is the way of God, the will of God being done, exercised, expressed and enforced
- ii. Peace that surpasses all understanding is rooted in a Prince of Peace who is unchanging and therefore completely independent of all outside circumstances
- iii. Joy is the dynamic state of gladness that makes a heart merry, hopeful (visionary), excited, a quality (not an emotion) grounded upon God Himself, the relationship between the believers and Jesus Himself is our source of joy

IV. The Kingdom here, the Kingdom to come

- a. One day His Kingdom will be fully established on earth. That's why the word says it's at hand, in our midst and yet not fully manifested
- b. In the meantime, we can fully experience what it is to live an unshakeable life in our extremely shakable world by trusting Him rather than our senses
- c. The Kingdom will be fully expressed on the earth when the King returns

V. Spiritual Warfare - Advancing the Kingdom

- a. We have been raised up with Jesus at the Right Hand of Power in the heavenlies (Eph 2:6)
- b. Our birth in Him enables us to exercise His rule, first by self-surrender and then by expressing His authority on the earth. This is the function of the church
- c. We're to boldly proclaim this Kingdom and express His authority on the earth
- d. Matt 11:12 - Kingdom advances by force
- e. Luke 10:18 authority delegated
- f. What constitutes warfare in the Kingdom?
 - i. Any use of spiritual weapons - faith, prayer, worship, intercession, fervency, the Word, fasting, obedience, fear of the Lord, the pursuit of holiness (2 Pet 3:11; 1 Pet 1:15-16; 2 Cor 7:1)
 - ii. Speculations and arguments. 2 Cor 10:4-6
 - iii. Inner struggles vs. outer struggles. Eph 4:12
 - iv. Spiritual thoughts vs. carnal thoughts. 1 Cor 2:13; Rom 8:6-7
 - v. Bringing righteousness to bear, destroy the devil's work. 1 John 3:8

VI. Conclusion

- a. The Kingdom is wholly defined by its King
- b. You must be born again to enter (and receive) the Kingdom
- c. The Kingdom is unshakable and limitless
- d. The Kingdom is here through you but coming at His Parousia
- e. Enforcing the Kingdom is our birthright and our call