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## REDISCOVERING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

### Lesson 1

**INTRODUCTION:** We are entering the season of the finality of all things in Christ. This age shall end with a new revelation, new regeneration and a new restoration. The message of the kingdom will begin to dominate the scene with the unfolding mystery of the kingdom of God. Like a hidden treasure, it will be sought out, discovered and embraced by those that have the ears to hear and eyes to see. It is a season of preparation and positioning for eternal rule in Christ's eternal kingdom

#### I. KINGDOM \_\_\_\_\_

- A.** Isaiah 45:18. For thus says the Lord, "Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: 'I am the Lord, and there is no other.'"
- B.** God created heaven to rule the earth "will be done in earth as in heaven"
- God made it for a purpose - to reveal heaven
  - God made it for man... "to be inhabited" Man will be agent of revelation and discovery
  
  - You are a spirit put in a body. Created in God's image "God is Spirit"
  - ADAM was given a kingdom, a stewardship, dominion over earth not over people, government not a religious system, a royal sovereignty (what happens here is up to you). Man has been imparted with enormous power and authority

#### II. KINGDOM \_\_\_\_\_

What is regeneration? Means a new beginning, a new order, a new birth

Two verses in the Bible talk about regeneration

- A.** Matthew 19:28 "So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Global in nature - Governmental in nature

1. A renewed earth
2. A renewed knowledge of the Lord

- B.** Titus 3:5 "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit."

Personal in nature - God's work on man

1. We are made partakers of God's divine nature II Peter 1:4 "By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."
2. Created in Christ Jesus Ephesians 2:10 "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them"
3. A New Creation. II Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."
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### III. KINGDOM \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 3:21 “Whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.”

What is God restoring today?

#### 1. Christ's government through 5-fold ministries

Ephesian 4:11-13 “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”

Religion says: Apostles and prophets died at the end of the century

Kingdom says: The foundation of the church are apostles and prophets

#### 2. Christ kingdom truth in preparation for our rulership with Christ

- The kingdom message is rising upon the earth

Matthew 24:14 “When this gospel of the kingdom is preached in all the world unto all nations, then shall the end come”

- The kingdom authority is releasing earth's curse. Curse of sin and sickness
- The kingdom message is transforming nations.

#### 3. Christ's concept of kings and priests

- Every believer is a minister (We minister first to God... then to man)

Ephesians 4:23-24 “And be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

- Every believer has been given a kingdom to rule (under Christ's authority)
- Every believer has been empowered with Christ's anointing to rule.
- Every believer as a priest builds altar to God.
  - a. Altar of your heart - love the Lord your God with all your heart
  - b. Altar of your mouth - let everything that hath breath praise the Lord
  - c. Altar of your soul - walk in wholeness and holiness

It is your soul that is being restored daily.

Psa. 23 “He restoreth my soul”.

It is your mind that is being renewed.

Rom. 12 “And be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

## FOUNDATION OF THE KINGDOM

### Righteousness of Christ

#### Lesson 2

**INTRODUCTION:** The foundation holds up the building. Jesus talked about a weak foundation and building on sand. He also talked about building on a rock. God has built His kingdom on THE ROCK... Jesus Christ. His foundation stands sure and steadfast and will outlive all earthly kingdoms. In fact, God had His kingdom in mind before He created all things. It was His passion from the beginning. It is on this foundation that the end time gospel “of the kingdom” will go forth. It is based on God’s ability to increase His government in the universe until it consumes all things. Hebrews 1:8 “But to the Son He says: ‘Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.’” Hebrews 1: “You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”

#### I. HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS \_\_\_\_\_

##### A. Two witnesses - the Law & the Prophets

Romans 3:21 “But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets.”

- The Law could only witness the righteousness of God (The Law’s demand is perfection) For two thousand years God has to witness the failure of the law in fulfilling righteousness on earth.
- The Prophets spoke of a coming day of righteousness on earth. Isaiah 56:1 “Thus says the Lord: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for My salvation is about to come, and My righteousness to be revealed.”

##### B. Two definitions Webster’s Dictionary

- Acting in harmony with divine morals or laws
- Being - freedom from guilt or sin

#### II. HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS \_\_\_\_\_

##### A. God’s plan conceived...

Ephesians 1:4 “just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be bold and without blame before Him in love.”

Ephesians 4:24 “And that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

The divine potential is conceived in God’s mind

Reconciliation and Justification defined!

- man can be returned to the perfect standard of holiness
- man can be declared to be so in God’s presence!

The divine standard can be met! “Be ye holy, even as I am holy”

##### B. God’s plan believed!

Romans 5:18 “Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgement came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.”

## MAJOR MORAL PROBLEM.... THE HUMAN CONDITION

1. Separated from God... “Adam, where are you?”
  - Shame makes you hide
  - Guilt makes you bound
  
2. Enemy of God... Colossians 1:21 “and you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled.”
  
3. Forgotten of God...Romans 1:28 “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boaster, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, know the righteous judgment of God that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them”

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Philippians 3:9 “And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.”

## III. HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 6:33 “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.”

Philippians 1:1 “Being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”

Hebrews 12:11 “Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”

2 Timothy 4:8 “Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”

Great Truths or the Word associated with God’s Righteousness

- **Justification** - “Just as if I had never sinned”
- **Identification** - “I am all He is”
- **Propitiation** - “Expiating our sins... taking them away”
- **Sanctification** - “Imparting God’s righteousness for holiness”
- **Glorification** - “Sharing His holiness forever because of the work of Christ”

## YOUR BODY A KEY TO GOD'S KINGDOM

### Lesson 3

**INTRODUCTION:** Jude 9 *"Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, 'The Lord rebuke you!'"* Hebrews 10:5 *"Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me."* For Jesus to fulfill all righteousness, He had to have a body. Hebrews 10:10 *"By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."* Hebrews 2:14 *"Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil."*

We somehow believe that our body is inherently evil. Yet Jesus dwelt in a house of flesh and blood and did not sin. The first act of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' life was to go to the wilderness and test Jesus' body. 40 day fast...*"afterward He was hungry"*. Jesus overcame the "Flesh" temptation through God's word.

#### I. Your body \_\_\_\_\_

A. A house you dwell in.

- Your body houses your spirit, soul and mind.
- Learn to discern between soul and spirit

Hebrews 4:12 *"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."*

B. A weapon you deploy. Your tongue is a sword.... Your heart is a throne... for God

C. A house you manage

I Corinthians 9:27 *"But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified."*

- Nothing more manifests God's ownership in your life than how you manage your body.
- Protect your heart - *"Set your affections on things above, not on things of this earth!"*
- Develop your "Spirit Man" - Learn to live in the 5th dimension!

D. A house you manifest.

Your body is the manifest presence of God on earth in this age. Without you, God would have no presence on earth! Where ever you go, the kingdom of God inside you goes....

What are some ways our bodies are instruments of God and warfare on earth?

- **Lips** that praise Him *"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord"*
- **Hands** that serve Him *"laying on of hands an imparting gifts"*
- **Feet** that follow Him *"Blessed on the mountain are the feet of them that bring good news our God reigns."*
- **Tongues** that declare Him Psalm 9:11 *"Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people."*

Your body houses your destiny, your dominion..... use it wisely. When you leave this world rob the grave and death of it's power.. say "I have finished my course.. kept the faith." Jesus said, "It is finished..." His body did what it was sent to do....

## II. Your body \_\_\_\_\_

A. The "Holy of Holies" in the Greek language... Naos

1 Corinthians 6:19 ***"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"***

- You are the first manifestation of Jesus Christ's restoration of all things back to Himself

Romans 8: 19-21 ***"For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."***

B. Set apart unto God by the blood of Jesus.

1 Peter 2:5 ***"You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."***

## III. Your body \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 12:1 ***"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."***

1 Peter 2:5 ***"You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."***

## IV. Your body \_\_\_\_\_

A. Born in the resurrection power of Christ

Ephesians 1:18 ***"The eyes of your understanding[c] being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come."***

Ephesians 1:22 - 23 ***And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.***

B. Sanctified by the power of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 4:24 ***"And that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."***

**SUMMARY:** 1 Corinthians 6:20 ***"For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."***

## **KINGDOM OF GOD - THE FINAL GOSPEL KINGDOM OF GOD POWER - KINGDOM GLORY**

### Lessons 4 & 5 (part 1 - part 2)

Matthew 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you”

Matthew 24:14 “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached to all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus came in the fulness of time. God waited for 2,000 years until He could send His Son. Why? God’s kingdom must be understood on a platform of human government. Why did Jesus not come during the Babylonian empire, the Medo-Persian empire or the Greek empire? Because God’s kingdom could not be understood under those kind of governments. The conquest of every previous kingdom or empire before Rome was to take territory and after taking that territory, take captives of those territories back as slaves. It was not until the empire of Rome that this changed. Rome did not capture nations and then march them back as captive slaves, but rather established Roman colonies. Rome’s influence expanded by colonization. This became the common language of the people on earth that would ultimately understand how Christ’s kingdom operates. The kingdom of God expands through colonization of earth’s citizens under the rulership of King Jesus from heaven. Literally transferring heaven to earth. God’s kingdom on earth today is colonies of redeemed believers operating under the government of Christ and in obedience to His New Covenant laws. The New Testament colonization is now formed through the expression of local churches. Much of the bride of Christ understands the local church, but has little understanding of Christ’s kingdom government today.

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_ KINGDOM

**KEY: God is King and He rules through a prophet.**

- A. Examples of Samuel’s rule as true prophet. 1 Samuel 2:18 “But Samuel ministered before the Lord, even as a child, wearing a linen ephod.”
- B. Samuel appointed by God. 1 Samuel 3:9 “Therefore Eli said to Samuel, ‘Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, ‘Speak, Lord, for Your servants hears.’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place.”
- C. True word of the prophet. 1 Samuel 3:19 “So Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.”
- D. Blessings on a nation that is UNDER God’s rule. 1 Samuel 7:13-17
  1. Divine Protection - “hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel”
  2. Divine Restoration - “and Israel recovered its territory from the hands of the Philistines.”
  3. Divine Justice
  4. Divine Worship

#### II. \_\_\_\_\_ KINGDOM - a head kingdom

**KEY: God will allow us to fail**

- A. Starts by asking God for something less than what’s best for us.
- B. Starts with apparent success, but fails because of disobedience.



1 Samuel 9:2 “And he had a choice and handsome son whose name was Saul. There was not a more handsome person than he among the children of Israel. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people”

- Saul was tall, dark and handsome.
- From the tribe of Benjamin who was a “mighty man of power.” 1 Samuel 9:1
- His father kept a herd of donkeys

C. Ends with confusion and every evil work

- Gives place for Satan to attack... “An evil spirit from the Lord came upon Saul.”
- Confusion in Saul’s camp
- Saul called a fast on the battle field
- Jonathan ate the honey during the fast not knowing his father’s command
- Saul wanted to kill Jonathan his own son
- Saul never sought the presence of the Lord

D. Ultimate disobedience brought defeat and death. 1 Samuel 15

1. God regrets setting up king Saul
2. Saul builds a monument to himself on Mount Carmel
3. Saul disobeys God and brings home the king of the Amalakites, along with the best of the sheep and oxen.
4. Kingdom taken from Saul
5. Saul and Jonathan die on the battlefield.

### III. \_\_\_\_\_ KINGDOM

**KEY: God will restore His Presence over your nation**

- A. Prayer
- B. Praise
- C. Pulling down strongholds
- D. Poor and needy ministries
- E. Power evangelism
- F. Prophetic strategies
- G. Preaching repentance

## KINGDOM LIFE - RESTORING 5-FOLD MINISTRIES

### Lesson 6

**INTRODUCTION:** Book of Acts talks about the restoration of all things. Acts 3:21 “Whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.” One of the great truths that God is restoring in this end-time season is the 5-fold ministries. Why? Because they represent Christ “headship” gifts of authority and have to do with God’s government. If we want 1st Century power, we must have 1st Century order. The kingdom of God is governmental; it is vital that we understand God’s plan.

**Key Scripture:** Ephesians 4:7-16 “But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore He says: when He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men. (Now this, “He ascended”— what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower part of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we would no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

**Principle #1** Christ’s fullness became evident when He ascended on high.

**Principle #2** Christ’s transitional authority happened when He ascended above the heavens

**Principle #3** Christ’s transmitted authority happened on earth when He gave gifts to men

**Principle #4** Christ’s fullness in His body on earth happens when the 5-fold ministries operate

Misconceptions about apostles:

1. They are appointed by men or self appointed
2. They are positions in denominations or religions
3. They died out in the first century... a false conception that true apostles must have seen Jesus in person to qualify.

Why are the 5-fold ministries needed today?

I. THE ARE \_\_\_\_\_ BY CHRIST

- A. **Apostles govern.** Hebrews 3:1 “Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus.”
- B. **Prophets guide.** Luke 24:19 “And He said to them, “What things?” So they did to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people.”
- C. **Evangelists gather.** Matthew 19:14 “But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

- D. **Pastors guard.** Hebrews 13:20 “Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.”
- E. **Teachers ground.** John 1:38 “Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to the, “What do you seek?” They said to Him, “Rabbi” (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), “where are You staying?”

II. THEY ARE \_\_\_\_\_ THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

- A. Given by Christ
- B. Imparted by the Holy Spirit  
Why?
  1. To build up the body of Christ
  2. To bring the unity of THE FAITH (found in the knowledge of Christ - perfect man)
  3. To protect us from false doctrine and teaching
  4. To manifest unity with diversity (one body, many member - manifold gifts (multi-colored)

III. THEY ARE \_\_\_\_\_ BY SIGNS AND WONDERS

- A. Jesus was verified through signs and wonders. Acts 2:22 “Men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know.
- B. Apostles are verified through signs and wonders. Acts 14:3 “Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was being witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.” Acts 5:12 “And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon’s Porch.” 2 Corinthians 12:12 “Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.”

IV. THEY ARE \_\_\_\_\_ TO MANIFEST THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST ON EARTH

Ephesians 4:13 “measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”

- A. Speaking the truth in love
- B. Teaching every man and woman is in the ministry “Equipping of the saints, in the ministry”

Other gifts of the Spirit teachings... how they relate

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| 1. <b>Motivational gifts</b> - Romans 12 (7 gifts)                      | What <i>motivates</i> you |
| 2. <b>Manifestation gifts</b> - 1 Corinthians 12 (9 supernatural gifts) | What <i>empowers</i> you  |
| 3. <b>Ministry gifts</b> - 5-fold offices                               | What <i>equips</i> you    |

II Peter 1:2-4 “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”