

The Good News of the Kingdom

*“And the **Good News about the Kingdom** will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.”* Matthew 24:14 NLT

What is the Good News of the Kingdom?

First and foremost the Great News is:

Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords. Revelation 19:16

Jesus, the Son of God came to earth from heaven and said:

“The time promised by God has come at last!” He announced. *“The **Kingdom of God** is near! **Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!**”* Mark 1:15 NLT

Jesus brought His kingdom, which is not of this world, to the earth. John 18:36

Jesus taught His disciples, which includes those alive today, to pray,

“Your kingdom come Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Matthew 6:10 NKJV

Lord gave this prayer to His disciples so that He could answer it! This is our prayer of agreement with the divine plans and purposes of God.

This make prayer the most powerful thing that we can do as we partner with God to manifest His kingdom and His will upon the earth!

What is the grand plan of God for heaven and earth?

The plan of God is to bring heaven and earth together under the rule and the authority of Christ Jesus.

*“God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill His own good pleasure. And this is the plan: At the right time **He will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.**”* Ephesians 1:9-10 NLT

It is said that God answers our desperate prayers. Our prayers for the will of God to be done on earth will become increasingly more desperate as the evil will of man increases and darkness covers the earth.

*“For behold, the **darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people;**”*

Isaiah 60:2a NLT

Jesus invites His followers, His disciples, His saints to walk in His glorious light.

*“But the LORD will arise over you, And **His glory will be seen upon you.**”*

Isaiah 60:2 b NKJV

*“**You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.**”*

Matthew 5:14 NKJV

*“Let your **light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**”* Matthew 5:16 NKJV

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How do you enter into the Kingdom of God?

We must believe in Jesus and be born again by the Spirit.

*“... **“Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.”** Acts 16:31 NLT*

*“Jesus replied, **“I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.”** John 3:5 NLT*

You must obey the Lord and follow His will with child-like faith.

*“When you **obey my commandments**, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.” John 15:10 NLT*

*“...**“Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”** Matthew 18:3 NKJV*

We enter into the kingdom through the ‘door’ Jesus Christ who is our only way to the Father.

*“Jesus told him, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”** John 14:6 NLT*

True followers of Jesus hear His voice and follow Him.

*“**My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.**” John 10:27 NLT*

How do you live in proper relationship with God and in His Kingdom of God?

Jesus said that the first and greatest commandment is to whole heartedly love God.

*“... you must **love the LORD** your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ Mark 12:30 -31 NLT*

This is one reason why God sent His Son to earth, to demonstrate His great sacrificial love for us.

*“**For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.**” John 3:16 NLT*

Mary of Bethany demonstrated her devotion the Lord by siting at His feet to hear His teaching, and her extravagant love for Him by anointing Him with very costly perfume. Jesus recognized her loving sacrifice by saying:

Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.” Mark 14:9 NKJV

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How do you live in a loving relationship with others and in the Kingdom of God?

Jesus also said the second most important thing is to love others.

*“The second is equally important: **Love your neighbor as yourself.**’ No other commandment is greater than these.”* Mark 12:31 NLT

Those who believe and obey are called *children of God*, Romans 18:14; *God is love.*
1 John 4:8

Jesus commanded us to love one another.

*“This is My commandment, that you **love one another as I have loved you.**”*
John 15:12 NKJV

The apostle Peter also wrote, *“And above all things **have fervent love for one another**, for ‘love will cover a multitude of sins.’ And **love covers a multitude of sins.**”*
1 Peter 4:8 NKJV

What has Jesus already done for us?

Jesus paid the very high price for our sin, and our rebellion to the ways and will of God. He paid with His life and His perfect atoning Blood sacrifice paying for our salvation, redemption and restoration into a righteous relationship with God forever.

What will it cost us to follow Jesus into His kingdom?

Something of such great value comes at a great price.

It will cost us everything, our whole life. We are to always follow the example of Jesus and give our lives to God. We are called to willingly surrender our lives to Jesus Christ, as our act of worship, to love Him and serve Him. He gave His life for us, so He can live His life through us in the Spirit.

*“Then Jesus said to his disciples, **“If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me.”***

Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34 Luke 9:23 NLT

*Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of **worship**. And do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.* Romans 12:1-2 NASB

“For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with Him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.” Colossians 2:12 NLT

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How does the Kingdom of God grow?

Jesus commissioned His disciples, which includes His followers alive today to,

*“...go and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: **I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**”* Matthew 28:19-20 NLT

When and where will the Kingdom of God come to earth?

The Kingdom of God is at hand on earth, in a partial way now.

Jesus brought the Kingdom of God with Him to earth.

The Kingdom of God is revealed on earth now through the lives of those who truly believe in Jesus, and who follow, honor and obey Him as their Savior, Lord and King. Jesus’ disciples, His set apart, consecrated, sanctified saints, are being transformed into the image of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit working in us and through us. We are called to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus wherever we are now, and to manifest His kingdom.

The truth of the message of the Kingdom of God will be confirmed with supernatural signs wonders and miracles. These signs include salvation, healing and deliverance from oppression all in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit working through His yielded, pure, obedient saints. Like present day John the Baptists, who is our model of a forerunner, we are to preach the truth and power of repentance and to “*prepare the way of the Lord.*” Matthew 3:3 NKJV

Every salvation, healing, deliverance, miracle and disciple is a partial manifestation of the kingdom of heaven coming in fullness to earth.

What is the Kingdom of God like?

The kingdom of God is described in the Bible as glorious place.

The fullness of the Kingdom of God is a glorious paradise beyond our greatest imaginations. It is a beautiful place of peace and safety without tears, pain, sickness or death where we will live in the glorious loving presence of the Lord, and serving in a loving partnership with Him forever!

*“... “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and **no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.** But it was to us that **God revealed these things by His Spirit.** For His Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets. 1* Corinthians 2:9-10 NLT

Jesus taught about 30 parables saying the “Kingdom of God is like...”

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Jesus taught 12 things that the **kingdom of God** is...

Jesus also taught 18 times about inheriting the kingdom of God.

The kingdom of God is our destiny. Contend for inheriting the kingdom of God.

The King is the most influence person. Without a king there is no kingdom.

1. **First the kingdom of God is the rule and reign of God.** The King of kings has dominion.

*The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! **Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.***

Psalm 110:1-3 NKJV

2. **The kingdom of God is an everlasting kingdom.** The King is faithful to all His promises, and His covenants are everlasting. The covenants are to restore the kingdom of God. The fall of the kingdom came in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve disobeyed the commandment of God. God walked with Adam in the Garden. The covenants with Abraham and David are all to restore the kingdom. Jesus was the birth of the King.

Why was Jesus born? To die for our sins. Yes. Jesus is called the King 50 times in the Gospels and 20 times He is called Savior.

*Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "**You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.**"* John 18:37 NKJV

The kingdom of God is being restored to Israel.

3. **The kingdom of God is unshakable.** You are **unshakeable** if you are in the kingdom of God founded on the Word and the Rock of Jesus Christ.

*Therefore, since we are receiving a **kingdom** which **cannot be shaken**, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.* Hebrews 12:28 NKJV

4. **The kingdom of God** is not eating and drinking, but **righteousness** and **peace** and joy **in the Holy Spirit.** Romans 14:17

5. **The kingdom of God is spiritual.** It is invisible.

*Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood** cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.* 1 Corinthians 15:50 NKJV

6. **The kingdom of God is power in the Holy Spirit.**

*But you shall receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you; and you shall be **witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."* Acts 1:8 NKJV

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7. **Gospel of the kingdom of God to be preached** as a testimony. The kingdom of God is **near** or **at hand**. Jesus says 6 times in the Gospels that the kingdom is **near** or at hand.

*In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, “**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!**”* Matthew 3:1-2

John the Baptist came to prepare the way for the King. His ministry was about to begin.

*For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but **he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.**”*

Luke 7:28

This shows the significance of those who are inheriting the kingdom of God.

Jesus came preaching the same message as John.

*From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**”* Matthew 4:17

Jesus told His disciples to go, preach and proclaim that the kingdom of God is at hand.

*And as you go, preach, saying, ‘**The kingdom of heaven is at hand.**’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.* Matthew 10:7-8

Jesus said to believe the good news of the kingdom. Jesus said speak shalom to the house.

*But whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. And **heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’** But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, ‘The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the **kingdom of God has come near you.**’* Luke 10:5-11

The man who receives peace in his house receives the King and all those in his house. The kingdom is growing fast around the world as they proclaim this scripture.

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

Luke 21 gives signs of the end. Jerusalem will be unified as the capital of Israel. These are signs that the kingdom of God is near. Jesus will return as King. All these things will be fulfilled. Jesus is talking about the last generations.

*So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the **kingdom of God is near.*** Luke 21:31

After His resurrection, Jesus taught His disciples for forty days about the kingdom before He returned to heaven. This was in answer to their question, “*When will the kingdom be restored to Israel?*”

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*...Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during **forty days** and **speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God**. Acts 1:1-3*

*And heal the sick there, and say to them, '**The kingdom of God has come near to you.**' Luke 10:9*

God is multi-generational and He told us to invest in the next generation. Malachi 4:5-6

8. The **kingdom of God** is not observed, it is **with you**.

*nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the **kingdom of God is within you.**' Luke 11:21*

The King of healing is the Great Physician who is in your heart. The King and the kingdom lives in you!

*To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:27 NKJV*

9. The **kingdom of God** is where the **mind of God is manifest**. The wisdom of God, the mind of the King.

*For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But **we have the mind of Christ.** 1 Corinthians 2:16 NKJV*

10. The **kingdom of God** is where the **glory of the King shines** on the face of the King and His people.

*But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the **glory of the Lord**, are being transformed into the same image from **glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:18*

*Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the **glory of the LORD is risen upon you**. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And **His glory will be seen upon you**. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. Isaiah 60:1-3*

Thank God that the glory is on the face of the King.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Matthew 6:13

The King's prayer.

11. The **kingdom of heaven** and is being **restored** to earth as it is in heaven. Kingdom comes through in the Holy Spirit, in you.

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The kingdom will come in fullness when the King comes back on the throne of David
The kingdom of God is being restored on the earth.

12. The kingdom of God is our **inheritance** our destiny as believers.

We must preach the kingdom of God more.

There are 18 scriptures on who **will inherit the kingdom of God**, and there are 12 scriptures on who will *not* inherit the kingdom of God

Colossians 12:2-3 inheritance in the kingdom. The kingdom which can not be shaken

Blessed are the poor in spirit who will inherit the kingdom.

It is impossible for a rich man to enter the kingdom. All things are possible with God

Matthew 25 come into the blessed inheritance of the **prepared kingdom of God**.

Our inheritance is the **kingdom of God**. **Contend for kingdom of God as our destiny**.

Luke 22 is confirming the kingdom of God.

Bestow a kingdom. The king confirms His kingdom.

I am a child of God

We are clothed in the righteousness of the King.

Contend for the kingdom of God as with unshakeable kingdom.

13. **Kingdom of God** comes and is **manifested to children**. Be like children with faith who look to our Father. *“seek first the kingdom of God.*

The Father is giving you the kingdom. Our treasure is in heaven which never fails.

Understand what the kingdom of God is.

Study, and seek to inherit the kingdom, and restore the message of the kingdom of God

The Lord is preparing His bride of Christ

The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,

Matthew 22:2

...Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. Ephesians 5:25-27

The bride of Christ willingly prepares herself.

Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready.” Revelation 19:7

The marriage supper of the Lamb is coming soon.

And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.” And he added, “These are true words that come from God. Revelation 19:9

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When will the Kingdom of God fully come to earth?

The Lord Jesus will return to earth to rule and reign over all the nations of the world.

Sadly, this will be a hostile take over of those rulers of the nations who oppose Him.

*“Why are the nations so angry? Why do they waste their time with futile plans? 2 The kings of the earth prepare for battle; the **rulers plot together against the LORD and against his anointed one.** (Jesus) “Let us break their chains,” they cry, “and free ourselves from slavery to God.” Psalm 2:1-3 NLT*

The idea of these world rulers opposing the plans of God is foolish and laughable.

*“But the one who rules in heaven **laughs. The Lord scoffs at them.**”*
Psalm 2:4 NLT

It is God’s plan to place His Son Jesus on the throne of David in Jerusalem, and give all the nations of the world to Him to rule as His inheritance.

*For the Lord declares, “I have placed my chosen king on the throne in Jerusalem, on my holy mountain.” The king proclaims the LORD’s decree: “The LORD said to me, ‘You are my son. Today I have become your Father. Only ask, and **I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession.**” Psalm 2:6-8 NLT*

There is great joy for those who take refuge in Jesus.

*“Now then, you kings, act wisely! Be warned, you rulers of the earth! **11 Serve the LORD with reverent fear, and rejoice with trembling. Submit to God’s royal son, or he will become angry, and you will be destroyed in the midst of all your activities—for his anger flares up in an instant. But what joy for all who take refuge in Him!**” Psalm 2:10-12 NLT*

The coming Day of the Lord is called a great and terrible day. Joel 2:11

- This will be a great Day for the obedient saints who have prepared their hearts to meet the Lord.
- This will be a terrible Day for those who do not repent and continue to sin and rebel against God.

The end of this age will come after the 7 years of tribulation, and the 21 judgments of God, and the wrath of God has been poured out on the devil, the antichrist, the false prophet and their evil world system of religion and government. All those who rebel and are evil will all be locked away with the devil and his fallen angels.

After the tribulation will come the glorious 1000 year rule and reign of Jesus with His saints on the earth bringing to fulfilled Kingdom of God. Praise God!

*“Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be **priests of God** and of Christ and will **reign with him a thousand years.**” Revelation 20:6 NLT*

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What will happen at the end of the 1000 year reign of Jesus on the earth?

Jesus will prepare the earth to welcome God the Father to His Holy habitation on earth. Then truly heaven will come and be joined to earth in fullness.

*“I heard a loud shout from the throne, ..., “Look, **God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be His people. God Himself will be with them.**” Revelation 21:3 NLT*

Now this all gives us great hope!

We have great hope in our future in Christ and as **citizens of the Kingdom of God** forever!

*“And this is the secret: **Christ lives in you.** This gives you assurance of sharing His glory.” Colossians 1:27b NLT*

Here is a short summary of the Good News of the Kingdom of God

- Jesus, the Son of Man, the Son of God is the King of kings over all nations of the earth.
- We are invited to turn from our sin, our rebellion to God, die to our selfishness, and be reborn by the Spirit into an everlasting life of love in fellowship with the Lord our King.
- We are commanded to love God with all our hearts, minds, soul and strength.
- We are also commanded to love and compassionately care for others in the same way that we are deeply loved and cared for by God.
- We are to whole heartedly obey the Word of God and follow Jesus as our King.
- We are commanded to teach others how to enter into a personal relationship with Jesus and to become blessed citizens in the Kingdom of God which is expanding without end.
- We will enjoy our blessed and abundant lives of love, peace and joy in the Lord as citizens of His Kingdom of God forever. Praise God!

Learn to Pray Hear Love and Obey the Lord as a blessed citizen of the kingdom of God.

*“Your **kingdom come**, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven!” Matthew 6:10*

seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you.
Matthew 6:33