



The Kingdom of God - Part I

Kingdom Preeminence

Introduction

On resurrection Sunday I taught you about the significance of the ascension of Jesus Christ. In that message I presented some shake 'em up theology when making the statement that a primary reason that Christ came to earth was to teach us the kingdom of God lifestyle and that salvation was a part of it, not the whole of it. The proof text I based this theology on was John 3:1-5. In reading this text it is clear that the subject Christ emphasizes is the kingdom of God. Seeing it (with the mind) and entering it (kingdom thinking) is only possible through being born again by water and Spirit. This morning we begin the study about the kingdom of God. The purpose of the study is to establish a kingdom mind set that will help Christian believers find, focus and fulfill the divine authority on the earth that Christ has imparted. This first lesson is on "Kingdom Preeminence."

Defining Preeminence: Pre-eminent

Pre: Prefix meaning, in advance of, in front of, *prior to*, before or above

Eminent: *prominent*; projecting; protruding

Preeminent: above or before others; *superior*; surpassing.

Kingdom of God: God's reign, rule. God's way.

- Psalm 103:19 The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all.
- Daniel 4:3 How creative are His signs, and how mighty are His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion is from generation to generation.

I. The kingdom of God existed before the creation of the earth (Matthew 25:34)

A. God demonstrates His kingdom dominion through creation

1. God created the earth by the power of his Word (Genesis 1:1-2:1)
2. God created something from nothing, the seen from the unseen, the visible from the invisible (Hebrews 11:3)
3. God spoke and made the un-useful useful (Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 31)

B. Everything was created in God's kingdom reign.

1. The King's court was involved in the creation (Genesis 1:1,2)
2. Jesus participated in creation (John 1:1-3)
3. The Holy Spirit participated in creation (Genesis 1:2; Psalm 33:6; 104:30)

II. The kingdom of God on the earth

A. God (The Trinity) creates man and gives him authority

1. God creates man in his image and likeness (Genesis 1:26)
 2. God has communicable (shares) perfections and incommunicable (less shared) perfections.
 3. Shared: Love, knowledge, mercy. Unshared: Omni-ness, Independence. Less shared: wisdom, knowledge
 - c. Illustration: Father and son. The son is the offspring of the father.
 4. God trains mankind and imputes His power into mankind (Genesis 1:28)
- B. God gives Adam dominion, rule on the earth (Genesis 1:29-30, Genesis 2:19, 20)
1. God trains Adam to listen and obey (Gen 2:16,17)
- C. God trains Adam to speak words of faith that creates. (Gen 2:19-20)
- D. God maintained dominion rule of the earth (Genesis 1:1-2:2, Psalm 24:1,2)