



God's 3D Kingdom

First Dimension: **Up-Reach**
Second Dimension: **In-Reach**
Third Dimension: **Out-Reach**



First Dimension: Up-Reach

Jesus has established a priority for every person. “Seek first the Kingdom of God and his Righteousness” Matthew 6:25-34

What is this Kingdom, where is it and who is the King?

Facts about the Kingdom of God:

- The rule and government of God throughout Heaven and Earth
- It is not of this world John 18:36-37
- It is spiritual and is in you
- It is not political, yet practical
- It is not military might, yet invincible
- It is not controlled by economic power
- It is not institutional, but relational
- It is reality now and it is reality in the future

Every true Kingdom works on the principle that the King is sovereign and his word is law. The character of the King determines the nature of the kingdom; there are many example of this in the Old Testament. King Asa was a good king (2 Chronicles 14:2-6) whilst King Ahaziah was evil (2 Kings 8:25-29) and they impacted the nation with their character.

Jesus has been enthroned as the King of God’s Kingdom and as we study the Bible we see his character displayed by who he is, what said and his actions. As we are studying the Kingdom of God, it is essential to understand and know the King – Jesus is the King. By studying scripture, we can see clearly the person and character of King Jesus.

What others said about Jesus Christ in John’s gospel

- John the Baptist: Lamb of God, Baptiser in Holy Spirit. 1:29-34
- Nathaniel : Son of God, Holy one of Israel 1:47-51
- Peter: Holy one of God 6:66-69
- Martha: The Christ, The Son of God 11:21-27
- Thomas: My Lord, My God 20:24-29
- John (the author of the book) :The Christ, The Son of God 20:30-31
- Jesus (to Pilate): I am a King; my kingdom is not of this world. 18:33-40

What Jesus did

In all of the gospels there are records of all Jesus did and taught – in John’s gospel there is only recorded 7 miracles (or signs) – all remarkable and giving clear signs of his divinity (John 3:2, 20:30-31)

- Turning water into wine John 2:1-11
- Healing nobleman’s son John 4:43-54
- Healing man at pool (sick for 38 years) John 5:1-15
- Feeding 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish John 6:1-14

- Walking on water John 6:16-21
- Giving sight to man blind from birth John 9:1-41
- Raising Lazarus from the dead John 11:1-44

What Jesus said about himself

In John's gospel, Jesus clearly states that he has come from the Father (heaven) and is one (equal) with Him and will return to the Father. He caused a storm by claiming that he is the Son of God and it was used by the high priest as the ultimate reason for his crucifixion (Matthew 26:62-64, Mark 14:60-65).

In John's gospel he states clearly **I am** – this is the name God gave Himself when talking to Moses (Exodus 3:14)

- I am the bread of life John 6:35, 48-51
- I am the light of the world John 8:12
- I am the door John 10:7
- I am the good shepherd John 10:11
- I am the resurrection and the life John 11:25
- I am the way, the truth, the life John 14:6
- I am the true vine John 15:1

Description of the King

- Jesus is the Christ Acts 2:36
- Jesus is the Son of the Living God Matthew 16:16, 17:5
- Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the World John 1:29
- Jesus Christ Baptises us with the Holy Spirit Power and Fire John 1:32-34
- Jesus Christ is the Source of Faith Hebrews 12:2
- Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church Ephesians 2:19-23
- Jesus Christ is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords Revelation 19:16, 22:13

Having established who the King of God's Kingdom is, we now need to look at the terms of entry into it.



Second Dimension In-Reach

From a natural perspective every person belongs to a nation either by birth or applying for citizenship of another nation.

Entering the Kingdom

The Kingdom of God is not a democracy but a theocracy where Jesus reigns supreme. Jesus invites us to enter the Kingdom but also lays down clear instructions about what is involved

in order to live in the Kingdom. As we look at the gospels and Acts we find out what is required.

- Recognition of my sin leading to repentance (turning from wrong to God) Matthew 3:2-8, 4:17. Acts 2:37-41, 26:20
- Belief in Jesus that he only can save me and reconcile me to God John 3:1-18. Acts 4:12, 15:11, 20:21. Ephesians 2:4-10
- Confess with my mouth Jesus is the Son of God and believe in my heart that God raised him from the dead. This is essential for salvation and forgiveness of sin. Romans 10:8-13. Acts 5:42.
- Baptism in water - Jesus commanded us to do it, demonstrating I am now dead to sin & alive to God. Matthew 28:18-20. Mark 16:15-20. Acts 2:37-47
- Submit my will to His will, offering my body as a living sacrifice. Romans 12:1-3. Ephesians 4:20-24.
- Ask for and receive the gift (baptism) of the Holy Spirit (my body is His temple) Acts 1:4-8, 2:1-41. Luke 24:45-49. John 14:16-26, 16:5-16.
- Receive His righteousness by faith (Jesus makes us good enough for God) Matthew 5:50, 6:33. Romans 5:17-21. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.

Kingdom Lifestyle

- Living in a new location and under new ownership
Colossians 1:10-14. Matthew 16:24-28. 2 Corinthians 5:15-17.
- We have been given a new identity
Romans 6:4-8, 7:6. Ephesians 4:20-22 Galatians 6:15.
- Must change our mindset and adopt a new culture
Matthew 5:1-7:29. Romans 12:1-3. Colossians 3:5-14
- We know belong to a new family THE CHURCH.
Ephesians 1:3-10. Romans 8:12-17. 1 Corinthians 12:12-31.
- Kingdom provision, everything we need for living is provided

Basics provision for everyday life; Matthew 6:25-34

Word of God; Matthew 4:4. 2 Timothy 3:15-17

Name of Jesus; John 14:13, 15:16. Mark 16:17/18. Acts 4:8-22.

Blood of Jesus; Ephesians 1:7. Hebrews 10:19. Revelation 12:11.
- Gifts of the Holy Spirit; Paul when he was writing to the church at Corinth stated 3 things concerning the gifts. Do not be ignorant about them, eagerly desire them, You have one and you must use it to benefit others. Please read 1 Corinthians 12:1 to 14:40. Please refer to your earlier notes Power & Authority of the Holy Spirit where these are covered in detail.

- Gifts of Christ; If as individuals and the church (local & national) we are to become effective and change society bringing in the Kingdom of God then we will need to see these gifts released in our midst. In Ephesians Paul spells out the gifts along with the purpose, please take time to read Ephesians 4:4-16. Below are listed the gifts and alongside each one is a word that best describes their function. These names are not titles, but job descriptions.

Apostle **“governs”** Prophet **“guides”** Evangelist **“gathers”**
 Pastor **“guards”** Teacher **“grounds”**

- Armour of God; We are involved in a spiritual battle between the Kingdom of God and the kingdoms of this world and darkness. It would be foolish to ignore that we have an enemy but also we must avoid the other extreme of thinking his power is equal with God. It is as we have personal victory over the world, the flesh and the devil that we are engaging in spiritual warfare. Ephesians 6:10-20 gives us clear instruction on how to defend ourselves against our spiritual enemies.

Please note v10 starts with the word “Finally” which means this is the last thing you need to do. From chapter 4v1 there are a many instructions on how we should live as Kingdom citizens and they affect every area of our life. As we concentrate on living in line with the Word of God so we will be better prepared to overcome all the attacks of the enemy.

Warning: No illegal immigrants allowed in the Kingdom of God
 Matthew 7:21-23. Galatians 5:16-21 1 Corinthians 6:9-11



Third Dimension Out-Reach

Before Jesus returned to Heaven he made it clear what he expects of every one of his subjects (followers). We are to make sure that the Gospel of the Kingdom is preached to all people groups in all nations before He returns. Also because He sent the Holy Spirit to be in us and with us Jesus expects us to do the same works that He accomplished in the power of the Holy Spirit. Read Matthew 24:14, 28:18-20. Acts 1:8. 10:38. John 14:12-14.

In order for these to be a reality in our lives we will need to experience:

Revelation

Head knowledge/Doctrinal truth is not enough, it must be revealed by the Holy Spirit as a Living Word into our hearts.

Jesus said:

- I give you the KEYS of the KINGDOM. Matthew 16:13-20.
(Please note who builds the church and who it belongs to)
- The knowledge of the secrets has been given to us. Luke 8:9/10
- It is the Fathers pleasure to give you the Kingdom. Luke 12:32

Restoration

It is not enough to preach, teach and understand we must have a living experience of the Kingdom this comes through.

- Repentance Matthew 3:2 (John the Baptist) Matthew 4:17 (Jesus)
Acts 2:38 (Peter) Acts 26:18-20 (Paul) this is essential to enter into the
- New Birth. John 3:3-5 Acts 2: 38 Colossians 1:13/14 Romans 5:17

2 Corinthians 5:17-21. This includes Believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, Baptism in water and Baptism in/with the Holy Spirit.

These are essential if we are to see and enter the Kingdom NOW

- Prayer. We have to learn to pray the Kingdom in and also pray from a Kingdom perspective. Jesus taught and Paul demonstrated it read Matthew 6:5-15. Please note Ephesians 1:15-23 & 3:14-21 are a single prayer in which Paul is praying that the church will experience a 7 fold reality of the Kingdom. Right HERE, right NOW, in ME.
- Faith. James 2:5. Hebrews 11:1-6 show that this essential
- Holy Spirit lifestyle. Romans 14:17. Galatians 3:1-14. Resulting in; Total surrender submission & obedience to the KING.

Reproduction

Out of Revelation and Restoration must come FRUIT John 15:1-17. This is achieved by preaching the **Gospel of the Kingdom**. There are 3 main aspects to preaching the Kingdom message.

- **Words.** This is more than just preaching about making a decision for Jesus but about surrender to His Kingship and rule in our life. Alongside this we must preach the whole Kingdom message based on Isaiah 61: 1-9. & 58:1-14 Matthew 5:1-7:29 & 24:1-14
- **Works.** We cannot preach the Kingdom message of good news to the poor and not meet the needs of the people. Matthew 25:31-46
Our message must be backed up with love in action.
Remember: Empty bellies (stomachs) can make deaf ears.
- **Wonders.** The Gospel of the Kingdom is not complete if we just have Words & Works it also needs a demonstration of God's mighty working power. WE can preach and feed the hungry and clothe the naked in our strength and resources BUT to heal the sick and deliver the demonised and see satan's hold broken over our village, town city or region we are going to have to see God's Kingdom power released through the Holy Spirit in our lives and the church. John 14:10-14 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Also 4:18-20. & 12:1-11. Ephesians 6:10-20.

The Holy Spirit is the only one who can bring us into the fullness of Kingdom living as we allow him to convince, convict and persuade us of the reality of the Righteousness we have in Christ. There are three elements we need to hold onto at all times.

- The Kingdom of God is here NOW and it must start in ME and then flow out to others.
- The Righteousness of God is essential for me to know by experience if I am to live in and function as a subject of the King.
- Without the presence and power of the HOLY SPIRIT I will not be able to function as an ambassador of the King bringing His rule and reign on earth where I live as it is in Heaven (this is God's will for each of us)

What am I prepared to SELL or SACRIFICE in order to RECEIVE and BRING IN the KINGDOM of GOD? **Right here, right now through me.**

Matthew 6:25-34, 13:44-46, Luke 12:31-34 Matthew 7:20-29

“Lord let your Kingdom Come let your Will be done right here right now through ME where I live, work and worship as it is in Heaven” Amen

Relationship between Kingdom and Church

- Jesus said “I will build my Church and I give you the keys of the Kingdom. Also it is the Fathers pleasure to give you the Kingdom”
 - Jesus is Head of the Church – limited to the redeemed people of God
 - The Church is the sole agent of God to manifest the love and power of the King in all the earth. It is the vehicle of the Kingdom
 - The Church is the authentic alternative to world society
 - The Church is the demonstration model of the Kingdom
 - There is a definite connection between the Church and the Kingdom but they are not identical.
 - The Kingdom is all of God’s redeeming activity in Christ in this world.
 - The Church is the assembly of those who belong to Him.
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- ❖ Jesus is the Centre of the Kingdom both Now and Future.
 - ❖ The Kingdom is concentrated in Christ.
 - ❖ The future aspect of the Kingdom is an essential element. To the future belong immortality, incorruption and eternity.
 - ❖ The Kingdom has come and will come but it comes by way of the cross
 - ❖ The church accepts the Gospel of the Kingdom, living in obedience to the Kings commands.



- “And this GOSPEL of the KINGDOM will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations (Gk: “ethnos” = people groups) then the end will come” Matthew 24:14
- “But you will receive POWER when the Holy Spirit COMES on you and you will be my WITNESSES in Jerusalem. Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth” Acts 1:8

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