

**Introduction:** Jesus Christ manifested the kingdom of God in and through His life and ministry. He communicated the kingdom in a profound way that God alone was the Almighty in heaven and earth. He manifested His kingdom authority over lack by feeding the four and five thousand, over demons by casting out the legion, over sickness by healing the sick, and over death through His own resurrection.

*“But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you”* (Matthew 12:28 KJV).

*“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven”* (Matthew 6:10 KJV).

*“...now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, ...”* (Matthew 11:11,12 KJV).

Why is the manifestation of the kingdom so vital in this hour? The kingdom of God or heaven is where provisions, resources, powers, and principalities are governed in and upon the earth. *“... And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven”* (Matthew 16:16-19 KJV).

*“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come”* (Matthew 24:14 KJV).

The Father wants us to know the mysteries of the kingdom. *“...it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given”* (Matthew 13:11 KJV).

*“...For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing [manifestation] of the sons of God...”* (Romans 8:18-23 NKJV).

## **I. The Kingdom**

### **A. What is the kingdom of God (Heaven)?**

- i. Kingdom = basileia – royalty, rule, or realm, a sovereign rule of a king
- ii. The kingdom of God is the realm and arena where the sovereign royal King rules and reigns.
- iii. The word \_\_\_\_ is only used in the gospel of Matthew. In the other gospels and other scriptures, the words kingdom of God is used.

### **B. Where is the kingdom?**

- i. The kingdom of God is within the heart of the true believer. The kingdom of God is a system, method of where and how God rules and governs in the earth.
- ii. *“...The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, ‘See here!’ Or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you”* (Luke 17:20,21 NKJV).

### **C. What is the kingdom of God like?**

- i. *“...The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field...”* (Matthew 13:24-30 KJV). *“...The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field...”* (Matthews 13:31,32 KJV). *“...The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened”* (Matthews 13:33).
  - *“...So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;... grain of mustard seed, ...”* (Mark 4:26,31 KJV) (Luke 13:19).
- ii. Jesus explains the parables. *“...He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; ...”* (Matthew 13:37-44 KJV).
- iii. He continues *“...the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field...”* (Matthew 13:44). *“...the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: ...”* (Matthew 13:45,46). *“...the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: ...”* (Matthew 13:47-51).
  - *“...likened unto ten virgins, ...”* (Matthew 25:1 KJV). *“For the kingdom of heaven is a man traveling into a far country, ...”* (Matthew 25:14 KJV).
- iv. *“For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost”* (Romans 14:17 KJV).
  - *“For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power”* (First Corinthians 4:20 KJV).

### **D. Why is the Kingdom of God [heaven] so vitally important today?**

- i. Jesus Christ rules and exercises dominion in the earth through His Body the Church!
  - The restrainer of darkness is the Spirit filled Body of Christ! *“For the mystery of lawlessness [rebellion against divine authority and the coming reign of lawlessness] is already at work; [but it is restrained] only until he*

*who now restrains it is taken out of the way” (Second Thessalonians 2:7 Amp). I believe the restrainer is the Spirit led Spirit filled Church.*

- *“...Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short” (Revelation 12:11,12 NIV).*
- ii. The Body of Christ (Church - Ekklesia) is also charged to proclaim, preach, and demonstrate the Kingdom of God. (The rule, reign, authority, might, and power of God.)
  - When we proclaim and preach the Kingdom of God, our faith in His rule in the earth increases, and the manifestation of His authority is revealed. Faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God on His Kingdom and rule. *“Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick” (Luke 9:1,2 NKJV). “Jesus said to him, ‘Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God’” (Luke 9:60 NKJV).*
- iii. All of Creation awaits the manifestation of the sons of God.
  - *“For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God” (Romans 8:19-21 NIV).*
- iv. Amen!

## **E. How does the kingdom of God [heaven] work?**

- i. The kingdom of God works by the Word!
  - *“...Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word [rhema -utterance] of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:” (Hebrews 1:1-3 KJV).*
  - *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...” (John 1:1,2 KJV).*
- ii. The kingdom of God works by Faith!

- *“And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you”* (Matthew 9:28,29 KJV).
  - *“...If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth”* (Mark 9:23 KJV).
- iii. The kingdom of God works by **Speech!**
- *“For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith”* (Mark 11:23 KJV).
  - *“...And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward forever...”* (Matthew 21:18-20 KJV).
- iv. The kingdom of God works by the Person and Power of the **Holy Spirit!**
- *“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,...”* (Ephesians 3:20,21 KJV).
  - *“...But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirt...”* (First Corinthians 2:9-13 KJV).

F. Amen!

## II. The Gospel of the kingdom

### A. The gospel of Jesus Christ and His kingdom

- i. The good news has multiple faces. The gospel to the poor is the poverty has been broken, to the sick you can be healed, and to the bound deliverance is now available. We have mistakenly used the gospel to solely mean salvation from sin through the death of Jesus on the cross. But there is so much more available to us through the finished work of Jesus Christ.
- ii. I believe the gospel can be viewed primarily through the **good news of salvation** and the **good news of the kingdom**. *“And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, Preaching the kingdom (basileia) of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him* (Acts 28:30,31 KJV).

iii. *“...and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God”*  
(Acts 14:22 KJV).

## **B. The good news of the kingdom**

i. Jesus proclaimed and revealed the kingdom. *“Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel”* (Mark 1:14,15 KJV).

- *“And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent”* (Luke 4:43 KJV).
- *“Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God”* (Luke 9:60 KJV).
- *“Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:”* (Psalm 8:6 KJV).

ii. The disciples were instructed to proclaim the kingdom of heaven was at hand.

*“These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give”* (Matthew 10:5-8 KJV).

- Notice that the kingdom of heaven was revealed and manifested through the power of God working through the disciples.

iii. The Apostle Paul declared the kingdom. *“And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him. Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him”* (Acts 28:30,31 KJV).

iv. Philipp the deacon preached the kingdom of God. *“But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women”* (Acts 8:12 KJV).

v. We are given and receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken! *“Now this, ‘Yet once more,’ indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. 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. For our God is a consuming fire”* (Hebrews 12:27-29 NKJV).



- It's high time to manifest kingdom superiority in all spheres of influence. [Family, Religion, Government, Education, Business & Economics, Arts & Entertainment, and Media]

### III. How to Increase the Manifestation of the kingdom in and through our life?

*"...But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you..."* (Matthew 6:32-34 KJV).

As we grow and mature in each of these qualities, the kingdom's presence will multiply in us and through us. The genuine substance and qualities of the kingdom cannot be forged or fabricated, therefore authentic grounded living from the inner man of the heart is a must.

As the flowing capacity increases, so does the impact and influence increases. If the conduit, channel, or pipe increase, so does the capacity to flow through it increase. The human reborn spirit with the maturing soul has eternal and limitless capacity. The Holy Spirit can abide in the believer's heart (spirit & soul).

We are in the kingdom for such a time as this! *"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,"* (Colossians 1:13 NIV).

#### What does the kingdom manifestation look like?

- *"When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick"* (Luke 9:1,2 NIV).
- Jesus said, *"But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you"* (Luke 11:20 NIV).
- Apostle Paul stated, *"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,"* (Romans 14:17 NIV).
- *"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues"* (First Corinthians 12:7-10 NIV).

## **A. By increasing the Word in us!**

- i. Everything was and is framed and created by the Word. The Word of God continues to produce the will of God. “...*All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made*” (St. John 1:1-3 KJV).
- ii. The worlds were made and is currently upheld by the Word. “...*in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, ...by whom also he made the worlds; ...and upholding all things by the word (rhema) of his power, ...*” (Hebrews 1:1-4 KJV).
- iii. God instructs Joshua to be strong and very courageous, then says that the book of the law (Word) would make his way prosperous and cause him to have good success. “...*but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success*” (Joshua 1:6-8 KJV).
- iv. When the word of God is increased, the number of disciples will multiply. “...*And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; ...*” (Acts 6:1-7 KJV).

## **B. By elevating our thinking!**

- i. We must become kingdom minded! Not more religious but kingdom centered and focused. Giving thought and attention to the King’s will, plans, and purposes. “...*seek first the kingdom of God...*” (Matthew 6:33 NKJV)
- ii. As a man think in his heart so is he! “*For as he thinketh (mind) in his heart, so is he:...*” (Proverbs 23:7 KJV).
  - This man is entertaining guest, but he does not delight in it. He fronts his hospitality but, in his mind and heart, he cares for his provisions more than for his guest.
- iii. We can and must control what we think and give consistent thought to. “...*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, ...think on these things*” (Philippians 4:6-8 KJV).
- iv. Our thoughts help create our feelings and emotions.
- v. We move towards our most consistent and dominate thoughts.

- vi. Our thoughts are formed by what we see and hear. From the people we spend time with. From the areas and environments we consistently entertain. *“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners”* (First Corinthians 15:33 KJV).
- vii. We very often live by the limitations of our upbringing, training, and life experiences instead of the truth of who we are in Christ.
  - As a young Christian, I had to renew my mind to who I was in Christ. I had many challenges caused by my lack of parenting, painful experiences, and my bad choices. There were two major shifts in my life that began to change how I saw myself, becoming a Marine and accepting Jesus Christ in my life. The Marine Corps began to uncover many of my hidden potential, abilities and skills. I saw myself differently. When I came to Christ, my inner image and thoughts of who I was had to be reconfigured and reshaped. *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”* (Second Corinthians 5:17 KJV).
  - How we see ourselves greatly matters. How we see ourselves often determines how others see us. We must see ourselves as the sons and daughters of God, and well able to do all things through Christ who strengthen us.
- viii. Lucifer fell from his position because of what he said, thought, and imagined thinking within his heart or mind. *“...For thou hast said in thine heart (lebab) [lay-bawb’ – midst, mind, understanding, inner], I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:...”* (Isaiah 14:12-17 KJV).
- ix. It’s very important to have a healthy and expansive imagination.
  - The earth and humanity were judged through the flood because of the evil imaginations of their heart. *“...every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually...”* (Genesis 6:5-7 KJV).
  - The concept of imagination is to see, envision, or have an image of something. We are to cast down vain or evil imaginations or images, but not to cast away all imagination. (Second Corinthians 10:5) According to Merriam-Webster = imagination is the act or power of forming a mental image of something not present to the senses; creative ability; or the creation of the mind.



- Imagination looks a lot like faith in some respects. Our imagination, thoughts and thinking sees a thing before it materializes. This is a powerful gift when used correctly and under the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- Every meaningful measurable kingdom endeavor or witty invention begins with a thought or image. The Holy Spirit will instruct us and often give us an image to track His plans and purpose. He did this with Abraham being the father of many nations. “...*Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the Lord; ...*” (Genesis 15:1-6 KJV).

x. Amen!

### **C. By a pure and righteous heart!**

- From the heart are the issues of life.
  - “*Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it*” (Proverbs 4:23 NIV).
- The heart is where the kingdom matures and grows within us. From the heart is where it flows from. The kingdom launched from the heart. Clean heart!!!!
  - Absalom never dealt with his heart issue against his father David, and it destroyed him. Deal with the hurts, wounds, bitterness, grief, and .....
- Amen!

### **D. By a greater accuracy of our speech!**

- Speak to those dry places. We will have what we consistently say.
- If we can control and master our speech, we can control and direct our entire nature.
  - “*For we all stumble and sin in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says [never saying the wrong thing], he is a perfect man [fully developed in character, without serious flaws], able to bridle his whole body and rein in his entire nature [taming his human faults and weaknesses]*” (James 3:2 Amp).
- Amen!

### **E. By a life of genuine faith!**

- i. All things are possible to them who believe God. For nothing is too hard for the Lord.
  - *“Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes” (Mark 9:23 NKJV). [Amplified: “If you can? All things are possible for the one who believes and trust [in Me]!”]*
- ii. Faith, trust, and confidence in the limitless King unlocks the endless possibilities.
- iii. We cannot consistently live and operate above and beyond our faith. According to our faith so are we.

#### **F. By a deeper surrender to the person and power of the Holy Spirit!**

- i. According to His Power.
  - *“Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,” (Ephesians 3:20 NKJV).*
  - According to the Holy Spirit that works in us.
- ii. I have committed to pray in the Spirit more. More tongues. My spirit prays.

#### **Conclusion:**

The storms of intense spiritual warfare is upon us and the manifestation of the King’s dominion and authority exercised in and through His Body the church is an absolute must. Church religion is not enough, but the genuine Ekkleia must arise and go forward. *“...upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18 KJV).*

It’s all about the King. May He be glorified in and through His eternal kingdom!

To the mature saints who have been in the faith and the warfare for some years (Dones), it’s time to return to the work. Time to be retooled and then relaunched!

Return to the fight, reengage the work, reconnect the vision and mission of the King and His commission.