

KINGDOM REALITIES #51 – 60

KINGDOM REALITY #51

Kingdom Realities only become our reality by revelation from the Holy Spirit.

BY FAITH WE UNDERSTAND that the worlds [during the successive ages] were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) BY THE WORD OF GOD, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible. Hebrews 11:3 AMPC

IN THE BEGINNING [before all-time] WAS THE WORD (Christ), and THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, and THE WORD WAS GOD HIMSELF. [Isa. 9:6.] HE was present originally with God. ALL THINGS WERE MADE and came into existence THROUGH HIM; and WITHOUT HIM WAS NOT EVEN ONE THING MADE THAT HAS COME INTO BEING. IN HIM WAS LIFE, and the Life was the Light of men. John 1:1

What God wanted to say to the whole world was expressed through Jesus Christ. He didn't give us teachings. He gave us Himself.

KINGDOM REALITY #52

Kingdom Realities are created only by the Creator, to fulfill His plan of redeeming all of His creation.

But THE FACT IS THAT CHRIST (the Messiah) HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD, and HE BECAME THE FIRSTFRUITS of those who have fallen asleep [in death]. 1 Corinthians 15:20 AMPC

WHOEVER LIVES IN ME AND I IN HIM BEARS MUCH (abundant) FRUIT. however, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing. John 15:5 AMPC

WHEN YOU BEAR (produce) MUCH FRUIT, MY FATHER IS HONORED AND GLORIFIED, and you show and prove yourselves to be true followers of Mine. John 15:8 AMPC

YOU HAVE NOT CHOSEN ME, BUT I HAVE CHOSEN YOU and I have appointed you [I HAVE PLANTED YOU], THAT YOU MIGHT GO AND BEAR FRUIT AND KEEP ON BEARING FRUIT THAT YOUR FRUIT MAY BE LASTING [that it may remain, abide], so that whatever you ask the Father in My Name [as presenting all that I AM], He may give it to you. John 15:16 AMPC

It seems that our Father never intended for the infusion of His Life into mankind to stop with Jesus (the first fruit). His eternal seed produces after it's kind. He is expecting quite a harvest.

KINGDOM REALITY #53

Kingdom Realities are what this world needs to see manifested in their midst.

Another parable He set forth before them, saying, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A MAN WHO SOWED GOOD SEED IN HIS FIELD. But while he was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed also darnel (weeds resembling wheat) among the wheat, and went on his way. Matthew 13:24

And His disciples came to Him saying explain to us the parable of the darnel in the field. He answered, he who sows the Good Seed is the son of man. The field is the world, and the good seed means the children of the Kingdom, the darnel is the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed it is the devil. The harvest is the close and consummation of the age, and the reapers are the angels. Matthew 13.28 and 36 - 39 amp

It seems that Christ's depiction of the Kingdom of Heaven, wasn't to shield us from the world, but to use us, His children, to make the whole world a part of His kingdom.

KINGDOM REALITY #54

Another Kingdom Reality.

And HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET AND HAS APPOINTED HIM THE UNIVERSAL AND SUPREME HEAD OF THE CHURCH [a headship exercised throughout the church], WHICH IS HIS BODY, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all [for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself]. Eph1:22

Now you, collectively are Christ's body and individually you were members of it, each part severally and distinct, each with its own place and function. 1 Corinthians 12:27 amp

Modern Christianity seems to have gotten comfortable with the truth from the scriptures that the head of the body is spiritual, pure, perfect, powerful, completely victorious over Satan, and a perfect expression of the life and nature of God. And although it says otherwise, it has also accepted from our own experience, the idea that from the neck down, we as His body, pretty much express and function in all the attributes and limitations of our former nature inherited from Adam.

We rationalize and say, we're doing the best we can, and after all we're only human. These are accurate expectations for natural men, but are not the expectations of new creatures created by Christ.

Here's the truth, our reality in Christ.

As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not a blood, nor the will of the flesh, nor the will of man but of God. John 1:12

KINGDOM REALITY #55

ANOTHER KINGDOM REALITY

The first account I composed, Theophilus, about ALL THAT JESUS BEGAN TO DO AND TEACH.....Acts 1:1

Therefore if any person is [engrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!

But all these things are from God, who through Jesus Christ RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF [received us into favor, brought us into harmony with Himself] AND GAVE TO US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION [that by word and deed we might aim to bring others into harmony with Him]. IT WAS GOD [PERSONALLY PRESENT] IN CHRIST, RECONCILING AND RESTORING THE WORLD to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against [men] their trespasses [but cancelling them], AND COMMITTING TO US THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION (of the restoration to favor).

So WE ARE CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS, GOD MAKING HIS APPEAL AS IT WERE THROUGH US. We [AS CHRIST'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES] beg you for His sake to lay hold of the divine favor [now offered you] and be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:17

God made us new creations in Christ so that we could be His Ambassadors.

KINGDOM REALITY #56

Kingdom Realities are created for us by our Father.

As I read through the New Testament, I notice that everything said about Jesus is also said about us.

A few examples:

LIFE

Jesus: I am the way, the truth and the life. John 14.6

Us: ...God has given to us Eternal Life...He who has the SON has the Life.

LIGHT

Jesus: I am the light of the world..... John 8.12

Us: You are the light of the world. Matt. 5.14

LIVING WATER

Jesus:you would have asked him, and He would give you Living Water. John 4.19

Us:from his innermost being shall flow Rivers of Living Water. John 7.38

AROMA

Jesus: ...Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. Eph 5.2

Us:God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. 2 Cor. 2.14

PRAYER

Jesus: I know that You always hear me. John 12.42

Us: ...we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked for. 1 John 5.15

MIRACLES

Jesus: I do not speak on my own initiative, but the Father abiding in me does His works. John 14.10

Us:He who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these.....

There is more. To be continued

KINGDOM REALITY #57

More Kingdom Realities created for us by our Father.

As I continue to read through the New Testament, I notice that everything said about Jesus is also said about us.

More examples:

REIGNING

Jesus: You say correctly that I am a king. John 18.37

Us: You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth. Rev. 5.10

SPIRIT

Jesus: The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me. Luke 4.18

Us: The one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him. 1Cor. 6.17
to dwell in Him. Col. 1.19

FULLNESS

Jesus: It was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him. Col 1.19

Us:the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. Eph. 1.23

ONENESS

Jesus: I and the Father are One. John 10.30

Us: The glory which you have given ME I have given to them; that they may be One, just as We are One. John 17.22

WITNESS

Jesus:Jesus Christ, the faithful witness..... Rev. 1.5

Us:you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, in Judea and Samaria, even to the remotest part of the earth. Acts 1.8

It seems that God intended for His work to redeem all of mankind, that He initiated and manifested through Christ, to continue in us.

HE IS THE FIRST FRUITS AND WE ARE THE REST OF THE CROP.

KINGDOM REALITY #58

Our Kingdom Realities are impossible without God's incredible work on our behalf and His Holy Spirit working in us.

But YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.

Acts 1:8 AMPC

The word translated "power" is the Greek word dunamis - "ability to perform"; for the believer, power to achieve by applying the Lord's inherent abilities. "power through God's ability".

Dunamis is a very important term, used 120 times in the NT.

HIM WE PREACH AND PROCLAIM, warning and admonishing everyone and instructing everyone in all wisdom (comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God), THAT WE MAY PRESENT EVERY PERSON (that includes us) MATURE (full-grown, fully initiated, complete, and perfect) IN CHRIST (the Anointed One).

FOR THIS I LABOR [unto weariness], STRIVING WITH ALL THE SUPERHUMAN ENERGY WHICH HE SO MIGHTILY ENKINDLES AND WORKS WITHIN ME. Colossians 1:28

KINGDOM REALITY #59

Kingdom Realities are ours by revelation of the Holy Spirit.

The apostle Paul had standing as a Roman citizen and enormous influence in Judaism as one of the top Pharisees.

He says in Philipians 3.4-11 (kjv) that he considered everything that was gain to him and every other thing as dung, which is a polite word for one of our more common four-letter words. I wondered, why such a strong rejection?

Man was created to be one with God. The fall of man into sin by the deception of Satan broke that oneness.

Subconsciously all men are longing for the restoration of it. They spend lifetimes chasing 1001 things to try and satisfy that deep hunger for God.

Paul got a revelation on the road to Damascus and many subsequent meetings with Christ that God was the only one who could restore that oneness. He saw that no amount of religious zeal, knowledge of the bible, or adherence to forms of doctrine and conduct would do it.

Only God's supernatural work for us could do it.

But BY HIS DOING YOU ARE IN CHRIST JESUS, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption. 1 Corinthians 1:30

This is the thing that separates the Gospel from any and every religion. Religion is done by men and for men.
The Gospel is done by God and for God.

There is nothing common, natural, or ordinary about the Gospel.
It's not a teaching, a world view, or methods and principals to live by.
It's the supernatural work of God to make us one with Him and recreate His image and life in us.

KINGDOM REALITY #60

Our Kingdom Realities abound IN CHRIST.

But BY HIS DOING YOU ARE IN CHRIST JESUS, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, 1 Corinthians 1:30 NASB

Pease note what this scripture DOES NOT SAY.

- * I will help you be more wise.
- * I will give you a Bible so you can study and learn from my wisdom.
- * I will give you my wisdom.

He said, "I will BE your wisdom".

In other words, we will share "THE SAME WISDOM".

This is only possible if we are "ONE WITH HIM".

The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, THAT THEY MAY BE ONE, JUST AS WE ARE ONE, I IN THEM AND YOU IN ME, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. John 17:22