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# Kingdom Realities #81

In spite of man's fall from God's presence because of sin and the resulting death and separation that came from it, God never lost sight of His original purpose for creating man. It was to expand God's kingdom so that His glory would cover the Earth as the waters cover the sea. So that everyone and everything in this world would be filled with God's glory.

Christ died on the cross to pay man's penalty for sin and make him holy and blameless in God's sight. Colossians 1.22

When Christ was raised, He sent the Holy Spirit to be the agent to renew men's minds and transform them into what God predestined man to become in Christ. John 16.14

The Holy Spirit has the ability to transform us into the same image as Christ. 2 Corinthians 3.17

Christ sent Him in His stead to lead us into all truth. The Greek word translated as truth in this scripture meant reality.

Jesus said, I AM the way, I AM the REALITY, and I AM the life. John 14.6

His Holy Spirit was sent to lead us into the reality of our oneness with Christ, as God's sons, His heirs, and joint heirs with Christ of all things. Romans 8.16

Jesus said, just as the Father has sent me, I have sent you also. I was sent to manifest the kingdom of God among men, and speak God's statements of reality to enable men to become members of His family and citizens of His kingdom.

Just as the Father sent me, for the same purpose and to accomplish the same thing I have sent you into this world.

I left you here on this Earth to continue to preach the gospel of the Kingdom, that I empowered you to manifest in Matthew 10.1

I gave you authority to cast out demons, to heal the sick, raise the dead, and tell them that the kingdom of God is here.

In Jesus' last directive to them He commanded them to continue manifesting the reality of His victory over Satan.

So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed. Mark 16.20

God has never rescinded His command.

Let's accept the reality of our oneness with Christ, the empowering of His Holy Spirit, and His command to speak the gospel of the Kingdom to every nation on this planet.

#### Kingdom Realities #82

We've all grown up under this world system which is separated from God and ruled by Satan. All of this world's systems continually reinforce to us that we are only human and this is all there is for us in this life.

It tells us what's real and what's not real. What we should invest our money in and what's in a total waste of resources. What's worthy of our time and what's an absolute waste of our time.

It continually encourages us to be logical, practical, and reasonable. Declaring over and over that only what is visible is real, everything else is fantasy and fable.

This world continually accumulates and rehearses the facts of our current existence, with a limited natural point of view, thinking that they now have grasped reality.

But God has a completely different point of view and a vastly different perception of what is real.

Modern man's concept of reality has evolved over the generations. It has gone from absolutes like, the Earth is flat and the Sun revolves around the Earth to one of it's most current perceptions. When some disagrees with you, they say, that might be your reality, but it's not my reality, showing that reality has become almost totally arbitrary among men.

In contrast, God makes a few statements of reality about Himself.

For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My plan will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';

And

Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, I will certainly do it. Isaiah 46

Eight times in Genesis chapter 1, God said, "let there be" and all of creation came into being.

He said, I AM the Lord, I do not change. Malachi 3

God makes it clear that He is the originator and creator of all things. He has no beginning and no end no end. He is not subject to time and the laws of this natural realm as we are.

He is the authority of the universe and creates reality with His words.

He says, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.

And

So shall My word be which goes out of My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the purpose for which I sent it. Isaiah 55

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. John 1.1

When God wanted to speak to the whole world and accomplish His original purpose for mankind, He sent Jesus to manifest and express His word to man. He was God's Word that became flesh and dwelt among us. He was God's living Word.

Jesus came preaching repent, for the kingdom of God is here. His sacrifice on the cross created the way for men to be restored to their original oneness with God. He invited all men to become members of God's family with all of it's rights and privileges by faith. To become not only His children born of His supernatural nature, but also His heirs and joint heirs with Christ of all things.

#### Kingdom Realities #83

In the modern Christian Church, there are many kinds of ministries. 1 Corinthians 12.4 states, that there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

It's the manifestation of the Holy Spirit that qualifies as ministry. Although ministries vary in scope and effect, they are initiated and empowered by the Holy Spirit and the results are supernatural.

God's word isn't merely a teaching. It is God's life being expressed through a person by the Holy Spirit dwelling within them.

What God wanted to say to the whole world, He didn't give us an academic teaching, He sent Jesus to express and manifest His word. Jesus was the Word that became flesh and dwelt among men. He was the Light and Life of the Father for all men.

In 2 Corinthians 3.2, the Apostle Paul states,

You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, who also made us adequate *as* servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

The people that Paul and his brothers ministered to, became letters from God. The content of those letters was Christ, the expression of God's light and His Life, so that unbelievers could experience what was written on their hearts by the Holy Spirit and come to know God.

Paul and his friends were aware that their effectiveness wasn't from themselves but from God. They were equipped and made adequate by God to be capable ministers of a new spiritual covenant with God. They weren't just spreading a new teaching, they were expressing and imparting this new spiritual covenant with God, that God had for all people.

In Hebrew 8.10. God explains what the purpose of His new covenant is.

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel, after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people. They will not teach everyone his fellow citizen, and everyone his brother saying, "know the Lord", for they will all know Me, from the least to the greatest of them. I will be merciful to their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

Please note the operative words in this New Covenant. God says, I WILL, I WILL, and I WILL.

Again, this is not just the transfer of information or a teaching about God. It's the supernatural work of God on the hearts and minds of people and produces a supernatural effect in their lives that no natural effort or religious teaching could.

The Greek word translated in this verse as "know", means to know experientially through first-hand experience, not just a mental acceptance.

In John 17.3 Jesus explained what eternal life actually is. He said, this is eternal life. That they "know" you, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

#### Kingdom Realities #84

Let me start with a definition. The Greek word for sin means "missing the mark". It's the brand of sin that emphasizes man's self-originated, self-empowered nature apart from God.

And the word sinner, means, to lose by being wide of the mark and falling short of what God approves, thus a sinner.

The group of people called sinners is a very large group. No one volunteered for it, they were all born into it.

Everyone born after Adam and Eve was born into this spiritually dead, and separated from God life in this world ruled by Satan. They actually inherited this life from Adam and Eve. This is the life that everyone on the planet has inherited.

Therefore, as sin came into the world through one man, and death, as the result of sin, so death spread to all men, no one being able to stop it or to escape its power because all men sinned. Romans 5.12 amp

God was not going to accept this as the final state of His creation. He had a plan to restore all of mankind back to oneness with Him, called the Gospel. Here's how. Romans 8.1-4

For the law of the Spirit of life which is in Christ Jesus, the law of our new being has freed me from the law of sin and of death.

For God has done what the Law could not do, its power being weakened by the flesh, which is the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit. Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, God condemned sin in the flesh. He subdued it, He overcame it, and He deprived it of its power over all who accept that sacrifice.

Gods incredible plan of redemption created an entirely new reality for us.

Colossians 1.21-24 reads,

And although you were previously alienated and hostile in attitude, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His body of flesh through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach.

Jesus's sacrifice on the cross redeemed us back into God's family and restored our complete oneness with God.

By repenting of our old nature inherited from Adam and Eve, and accepting His sacrifice, we become God's children, God's heirs, and joint heirs with Christ of God's eternal life.

Our inheritance as God's children that He made available to us because of His great love is beyond all natural comprehension.

It made us completely new creations by God's doing, and because He made us one with Christ we can now "BE HOLY, BECAUSE HE IS HOLY".

## Kingdom Realities #85

A quick read of Genesis chapter 1 reveals that God breathed His eternal life into a pile of mud and created man in His image and in His likeness. Man was endued with God's Life, living in God's presence in the garden. God gave man His authority to expand God's Kingdom over the entire earth.

In spite of man's fall from God's presence, because of sin, and the death and separation that it caused, God never lost sight of His original purpose for creating man. It was to manifest God's Kingdom throughout the entire Earth, until the glory of the Lord covered the Earth as the waters covered the sea.

We were never created to live in this world system under Satan's authority.

This world has been rolling along for generations, trying to ignore God's original purpose for creating man and His supernatural plan to redeem all of mankind back into oneness with Him. It has been continually trying to eliminate any reference to God from our society and trying to create a truly godless society apart from Him.

In 1st Corinthians chapter 6, the Apostle Paul explains why God breathed His eternal life into our bodies.

The body is for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit whom you have from God and that you are not your own. You have been bought with a price therefore glorify God in your body.

God intends to dwell in our bodies and say everything that He wants to say, do everything He wants to do, and accomplish everything He wants to accomplish in this world, in us and through us.

When Jesus sent out his 12 disciples and the other 70 that followed, He did not send them out to do the very best that they could to convince people that the Kingdom of God was here. He sent them out to do exactly what He was able to do. He sent them out to expand His Kingdom authority in this world.

When Jesus's disciples asked Him to teach them to pray, He said, pray that My Kingdom come on Earth as it is in heaven.

Why would he ask them to pray that?

Because He had already prepared His Kingdom for them to inherit, and He wanted them to speak it forth into their world.

Before Jesus ascended to the Father, He commanded His disciples to continue preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and manifesting it in their world.

He has never rescinded that command.

So, what does God's plan from the very beginning have to do with you?

Jesus told His Father, just as you have sent Me, I am also sending them into this world.

He is sending us fully equipped, for the same purpose and to accomplish the same thing. To declare and manifest His Kingdom authority in our families, to our fellow believers, our countries and every country on the planet until Christ returns.

#### Kingdom Realities #86

In Matthew 14.15 there were 5000 people sitting on a hillside listening to Jesus's words. Jesus's disciples came to Him and suggested that He send the people away so that they could go buy food. Jesus said to them they do not need to go away, you give them something to eat.

The church has been telling the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 for generations. We revel in the fact that Jesus supernaturally overruled natural laws and processes and fed 5000 people with a little boy's lunch.

Throughout the generations we have either completely missed or left out, Jesus's directive to His disciples. You give them something to eat!

For quite some time Jesus had been sowing the word of the kingdom of God into His disciples. He expected to see some fruit for those efforts. He expected them to express and demonstrate the Gospel of the Kingdom that He had been imparting to them.

God didn't leave us here to keep telling the story of Jesus' manifestation of God's kingdom by feeding the 5000, over and over again.

He wants us to swallow the word of His kingdom, which is Christ's eternal life, and allow God to manifest His life through us, His children.

Jesus in His parable in Matthew 13, said that the kingdom of God is like leaven, that a woman put in 3 measures of meal until the whole lump was leavened.

The kingdom of God is designed to swallow up and overrule our natural lives so that we can demonstrate His Kingdom in this Earth as His children and His ambassadors.

He wants His Living Word to become flesh in us, and have us proclaim and manifest it, beyond anything that we would ever dare ask or think, by His power that dwells in us.

The Apostle Paul declared that his message and his preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

Our heavenly Father has truly exercised His incredible power on our behalf to make us His children

Let's submit ourselves to His Holy Spirit and allow Him to fully express Himself, His eternal life and His Kingdom through us to every nation on this planet.

#### Kingdom Realities #87

God loved the world so much that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have eternal life. That's John 3.16

God made this provision available to anyone on this earth who would accept Jesus as the sacrifice for their sins and offer them His eternal life when they die.

But, if this was all there was to the Gospel, which is God's plan to redeem all of mankind back into His family and be citizens of His kingdom, Jesus's incredible sacrifice and God's awesome power would have created nothing more than a whole kingdom full of forgiven sinnners, who are fully capable of continuing to live the rest of their lives in sin.

Let's take a look at a few statements of reality to see what God's plan really is for His children.

God declares that He has given us His eternal life in abundance, and this life is in His Son. John 10.10 and 1 John 5.11

We are transferred out from under the authority of Satan and this world and freed us from sin to become slaves of righteousness. Colossians 1.18 and Romans 6.18

We become completely new creations in Christ, old things are passed away and all things become new. 2 Corinthians 5.17

We've received His promises and everything necessary for us to possess His life, His godliness, and His divine nature. 2 Peter 1.3+4

God made us completely one with Him and Jesus and the Holy Spirit and committed His power to be His witnesses. John 17.22 and Act 1.8

Jesus gives us His Holy Spirit so that everything that He has in God will be given to us. John 16.14

And if that wasn't enough, God commits to us things which our eyes have never seen, our ears have never heard, and have never even entered into our heart, because He loves us so much. 1 Corinthians 1.9

Jesus also said, whoever believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also and greater works than these. John 14.12

GOD IS NOT HOLDING ANYTHING BACK FROM HIS CHILDREN'S INHERITANCE!

God's commitment of EVERYTHING that He is and EVERYTHING that He has to us as His children is beyond natural comprehension.

This inheritance for His children is NOT made possible by our sterling character, our perfect record of good choices, or our complete understanding of the Bible and all of it's revelations.

IT'S ONLY AVAILABLE TO US BECAUSE GOD LOVED US, AND PUT US IN CHRIST BY HIS DOING AND MADE US HIS CHILDREN.

BECAUSE OF THIS, WE CAN NOW POSSESS AND EXPRESS HIS ETERNAL LIFE ON THIS EARTH TO FULFILL HIS PURPOSE OF REDEEMING ALL OF MANKIND BACK INTO HIS FAMILY, AND BECOME THE AMBASSADORS OF HIS KINGDOM.

SEEING THE INCREDIBLE WORK THAT GOD DID ON OUR BEHALF, IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS THAT GOD WANTED US MUCH MORE THAT WE WANTED HIM.

In sales negotiations, if a buyer is willing to pay 1,000 dollars for a product and the seller accepts a payment of 500 dollars for the product, we say that the seller left 500 dollars on the table.

The God of Heaven and Earth, who cannot lie, who has all authority, and the power to make this our reality, has committed this mind-boggling inheritance to us.

If we only receive God's forgiveness of our sins and nothing more, I'd say, we have left way too much on the table.

#### Kingdom Realities #88

In Revelation 1.8 Jesus declares, I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and was and is to come—the Almighty. God IS the beginning and the end and He knows the end from the beginning because He predestined how it will be.

Now, I'm not any kind of Bible scholar, but I did look up the word translated as predestined. It's the Greek word, "prooridzo". It means to set boundaries in advance, basically to determine what something is predetermined to become.

A very simple example of "predestined" would be, that you can't plant an orange seed and expect it to produce an apple. It's predestined to become an orange.

In Peter's 1st letter to the church, he declares that we were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from our futile way of life inherited from our forefathers. But we have been born again not of seed which is perishable, but imperishable, that is through the living and abiding word of God.

We are actually born into God's family by His "imperishable seed". There is only one person in the universe who's "seed is imperishable". That would be God. So, the very thing that makes God supernatural is the same thing that made us His children.

Let's look at another scripture where this word "predestined" is used.

Ephesians 1.5 says, in love He predestined us for adoption as His sons through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will.....

Again, if we receive the imperishable seed of God's word, which is Christ, God has predetermined us to become His children, His heirs, and joint heirs with Christ.

Jesus made it very clear in Matthew 24.14 that God has predestined that this gospel of the kingdom, that He preached while He was on this Earth, would be preached to every nation on this planet and then the end shall come.

It's also quite clear through the entire New Testament, that God has predestined that His children would be the ones who sow this gospel of the kingdom to the entire Earth.

The question is, will we surrender our natural lives, inherited from Adam and Eve, to His Holy Spirit and allow Him to renew our minds and transform us.

God's predestination of His plan of redemption and the transformation of His children to be the ambassadors of His Kingdom are both supernatural. He's the only one who can do it.

We were created to participate in it with Him. That's why He left us here on the planet.

Let's allow the Holy Spirit to renew our minds and transform us to be what He predestined us to be.

## Kingdom Realities #89

In Matthew 7.13 Jesus said

"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is narrow and the way is constricted that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Why is it so easy for so many to go the way of destruction?

I believe the answer is, because it's our natural existence apart from God, who is the source of Life.

It's our life in this world, which is the result of man falling from God's presence.

We don't have to do anything to accept it, we were born into it.

Millions of people live their natural lives every day and accumulate a new set of experiences to add to their life, while moving closer and closer to their death.

Our experience in this world conditions us to think that our life is the sum total of everything we've been through plus our current set of circumstances.

I believe that God is offering us a completely different kind of life.

The word translated as life in this scripture is the Greek word Zoe. It's definition is, "life as God has it." There is a world of difference between God's eternal life and our natural fallen life that we inherited from Adam and Eve.

The Gospel is not a natural religious effort to modify and improve our natural lives. It's the supernatural work of God to restore us to our originally created life and oneness with God.

Jesus didn't die on the cross for our sins so that we would be merely forgiven sinners trying to be better people.

He came to make a way for us to be redeemed back into the family of God and become citizens of God's kingdom.

God wasn't looking for a reformed version of our old natural life inherited from Adam and Eve.

He didn't want to improve our natural lives. He crucified them with Christ so that He could give us His eternal life.

Jesus said, unless we die to our old natural life, we can never possess His eternal life.

The Apostle Paul exhorted the Ephesian believers to rid yourselves of the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you are to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

In God's presence is the source and the complete supply of the life that we were created to live. There is unbroken fellowship with God which satisfies every desire in the heart of man.

Jesus told the woman at the well, whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I give him will never thirst again, but it will become a well of water within him springing up to eternal life.

Every generation since the fall of man has tried to fill up, in a myriad of ways, what is lacking in this natural life separated from God. Their efforts have been futile and unsatisfying.

Jesus came to demonstrate God's incredible love for us, deliver us from this natural life that can only produce death, and restore us to the life that God originally created for us.

## In Psalms 36.7 David declares,

How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. They drink their fill of the abundance of Your house, And You give them to drink of the river of Your delights. For with You is the fountain of life.....

If we really want life in this world, we have to go to the source. This is God's testimony, He has given us His eternal life and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has that life.

## Kingdom Realities #90

Many people look at the current circumstances in our world today and wish and hope that things would change. Some people call for political change, some feel compelled to riot in the streets, and some believe that things won't ever change and they just keep on doing what they're doing.

The church today continually testifies that the Kingdom of God is the only answer to all of the problems in our world, and I agree whole heartedly.

Let's look at a few scriptures to confirm God's intentions for this world and His children.

Jesus told the Pharisees that the Kingdom of God does not come with outward observation but it is within you. In John chapter 14, Jesus told His disciples that the Holy Spirit would come and dwell within them, and if they kept His word, Jesus and the Father would make their permanent dwelling place in them. That's how the Kingdom of God dwells within us.

The Holy Spirit gives us the revelation that if we surrender life as we've known it to God, LIFE AS HE HAS IT WILL BE OUR ETERNAL REALITY.

Jesus taught His disciples to pray, thy kingdom come on Earth as it is in heaven. My paraphrase would be, let it be in my house the way it is in your house.

# Colossians 1.12, declares our actual reality.

He has delivered us from the domain and the authority of darkness and transferred us into His kingdom, so that we can experience the freedom and the complete redemption into His family as His sons, His heirs, and joint heirs with Christ of all things. Satan no longer has any authority over us.

On the day that we got saved, God committed everything He is and everything He has to us as our inheritance. He has given His Holy Spirit to free us from ourselves so that we can lay hold of this inheritance and sow it into this world for His benefit This is not a new plan. He said, come and inherit the kingdom of God that I've prepared for you before the foundation of the Earth.

Religion says that praying the sinner's prayer is absolutely mandatory to go to heaven, but the lordship of Christ in our lives and us being completely possessed by His Holy Spirit has somehow become completely optional.

Jesus said that the Kingdom of God is like a woman who put leaven in 3 measures of meal until it was completely and totally leavened.

His kingdom in our lives is designed to swallow up everything of our fallen, spiritually dead nature inherited from Adam and Eve. He intends to replace it with His eternal life, His presence dwelling within us, His authority, and His commission to continue Jesus' redemptive work for the entire world.

God's not looking for millions of people on the planet who claim to have an affiliation with Him. He created sons who are born of His spirit, and take on His likeness, as His ambassadors and representatives of His kingdom.

The scripture in Daniel 11.32 says, that the people who know their God shall be strong and do exploits. When we repent of ourselves and get completely out of the way, we can fully inherit this kingdom, and fulfill His calling to be His ambassadors of that kingdom and proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom to every nation on this planet.

Then the end shall come.