

RELIGION VS. THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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John 10:10

Knowing how to discern the **DIFFERENCE** between religion and the Kingdom of God is critical. People who do not know the difference, live confusing and disappointing lives.

They are hopeful for a better future while wondering why things haven't manifested. Everyone wants to live a life of results. Everyone wants to live a life where they can **SEE** the fruits of their labor.

Amongst many other things, that is the main distinction between the Kingdom of God and Religion. King Jesus said it like this in John 10:10. "*The thief cometh not, but for*

to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Have you been affiliated with a church while feeling the frustration of not living the abundant life? Have you been believing in God and still not seeing life changing results? If you can answer yes to these questions you are not experiencing the promise of the abundant life that King Jesus spoke about.

If you are not living the abundant life you are stuck in the **BONDAGE OF RELIGION**. Listed below are the differences between Religion and the Kingdom of God so you can identify if you are a religious creature or a Kingdom citizen.

1. Religion is a set of beliefs a person has. *Religion is man's attempt to find God. God never gave man a religion. Colossians 2:8*

1. The Kingdom of God is a country where a person lives. *The Kingdom is God's attempt to dwell with man. The first thing God gave Adam was His Kingdom. Genesis 1:26*
2. Religion gives you hope in God. *Religion doesn't have the authority to give you power. 2nd Timothy 3:1-5*
2. The Kingdom of God produces power on the earth. *The miracles, healings, signs and wonders God did on the earth did not come through a religion. It came from His Kingdom. Mathew 9:6-8, Mathew 21:23-27*
3. Religion preps you to go to hell. *Religion is an entrapment for people to be deceived into thinking they are going to heaven, when in actuality they are destined for hell. Mathew 8:5-13*
3. The Kingdom of God prepares you to go to heaven. *King Jesus is the way, truth and the life and no one*

comes to the Father but by him. You cannot get to heaven without going through the Kingdom. Mathew 8:5-13

4. Religion teaches you to endure circumstances.
Religion places burdens on you and expects you to suffer through them.

Mathew 23:2-4

4. The Kingdom teaches you to change circumstances.
King Jesus did not accept people's sickness, lack, ignorance, etc as being a way of life. He changed their circumstances, teaching them that you have power over your circumstances.

Luke 9:1-6

5. Religion encourages you to be a follower. *Religion wants you to conform to their way of thinking and living. They want you to follow them, not King Jesus.*

Mathew 23:15

5. The Kingdom develops you into a leader. *The Kingdom gives you rulership over things, animals and circumstances. The first thing God gave Adam was dominion, rulership, leadership and the authority to manage over the earth.* Genesis 1:26
6. Religion teaches you to honor tradition. *Religion trains us to honor rituals over God's commandments (laws) which keeps you poor.* Mark 7:6-8
6. The Kingdom of God focuses on transformation. *The Kingdom transforms your mind to embrace daily changes so you can improve continuously. The Kingdom of God empowers you build a lifestyle.* Romans 12:2
7. Religion was created by men. *In the beginning, God created the Kingdom of God for men to rule. He created fellowship so humanity could have a relationship with Him. He never created a religion.* Genesis 1:26, 2 Colossians 2:20-23

7. The Kingdom of God was created by our Heavenly Father. *When God gave Adam dominion over the earth He gave him the Kingdom of God. Genesis 1:26.*
8. Religion is man's way of controlling people. *The organization of Religion desires to control the thinking and behavior of people. The Apostle Paul warned the citizens of the Kingdom of God to be cautious of these types of people and to stay away from them. Paul did not teach religion. He taught the Kingdom of God. Romans 16:1-17 & Acts 20:25*
8. The Kingdom of God is the Lord's way of man controlling earth. *God gave control of the earth to the people. The Kingdom of God enables you to control the circumstances that happens on the earth. Everything bad that happens on the earth is because of people. Everything good that happens on the earth is because of people. Psalm 115:16*

9. Religion keeps you focused on going to heaven:
Religion does not encourage people to rule the earth. They convince people to focus on the after life. When King Jesus walked the earth he redirected people to carry dominion on the earth. He did not focus their attention on going to heaven. Mathew 28:18-20 & John 10:10.
9. The Lord gave dominion to His people to rule the earth. *His purpose for reintroducing the Kingdom of God to us was to influence the earth with its culture according to the Lord's Prayer. Psalm 115:16, Mathew 6:9-10 & Revelation 5:10*
10. Religion tells you to pray for things: Religion trains you to pray for what you need. *God did not tell you to pray for the things you need. He gave you the keys to the Kingdom to bind and loose whatever you need. Mathew 6:7-8 & Mathew 16:19*

10. The Kingdom of God adds all things unto you. *The Kingdom does not train you to pray for things. It teaches you to attract things by studying and laws of the Kingdom of God.* Mathew 6:33

11. The Kingdom of God delivers you from your current condition. *The Kingdom trains its citizens not to settle for anything less than God's best. Because we have power to change circumstances we do not settle for what has been brought to us.* John 5:1-9.

11. Religion blocks you from entering the *Kingdom of God. Religion prevents you from entering the Kingdom of God, which destines you for hell.*
Mathew 23:13-15

The Kingdom causes you to become an enemy to Religion and religious people. Religion and religious people hate Kingdom citizens because they **CANNOT** control them. The Pharisees hated Jesus because they

couldn't control Him. King Jesus spoke against their culture, ways, practices and highlighted their hypocrisy.

After reading these comparisons, are you a Kingdom citizen or a religious creature?

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