

GOD has a KINGDOM

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Most People Don't Understand What it Means to be in The KINGDOM

They relate it to a Church or some historical denominational building, a Synagogue, or some traditional dogma, a set of moral rules and regulations setup by their leaders, etc, etc... A Kingdom must have a King. God has a KING! The LORD Jesus Christ, and we live to do His will.

Why are the nations restless And the peoples plotting in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand And the rulers conspire together Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, "Let's tear their shackles apart And throw their ropes away from us!" He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them. Then He will speak to them in His anger And terrify them in His fury, saying, "But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain." (Psa. 2:1-6) NASB

Therefore **let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,** and thus **let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,** for **our God is a consuming fire.** (Heb. 12:28,29) ESVS

The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. (Psa. 103:19)

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. (Psa. 145:13)

Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. (1 Chr. 29:11,12)

*Did you also know Satan has a Kingdom here on Earth, a deceptive illegitimate kingdom? It is full of lies, deception, and death (physical and eternal). You belong to one or the other whether you know it or not! **Only two Kingdoms exist.** You are either a child of the devil (un-saved), or a child of God (saved)! Your in one Kingdom or the other, you can't be in both.*

Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. For **He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son**, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Col. 1:12-14) NASB

Earth is an Extension of God's Kingdom

Our present body exists (is trapped) in a 3 Dimensional Universe (existing in matter, energy, time, and space); but our spirit and soul (if you are Born Again); are seated in Heaven connected to Jesus.

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. **Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.** (Matt. 6:9,10)

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our wrongdoings, **made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved), **and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the boundless riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.** (Eph. 2:4-7)

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How Can We Be On Earth and in Heaven at the same time?

We are a Triune being (Like GOD) spirit, soul, and body. Our body is carnal with elements that are bound to Earth. When it dies the elements dissolve back into the Earth. Our spirit (when Born Again) is connected to God and has the capacity to feel, to experience, and to understand God in Heaven. Our connection to Heaven is through the Holy Spirit that is on Earth.

At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

(John 14:20)

Whether in Heaven or on Earth God Has Strict Rules to Follow

*God has rules to follow in His Kingdom. Everyone must operate by these rules. There is an opposing kingdom **called the world which is ruled by satan**. Satan's strategy is to get his rules into God's house (the Church). Satan's strategy is to cause conflict and confusion between the Kingdoms. God is having problems with some of His children because they want to bring the rules of the world into the Kingdom of God. God says **NO**; those are not my rules; the rules of my house (Kingdom). Some Churches confess God's Word but don't want to come under the rules of the house.*

The Conflict of KINGDOMS

God Warns Us to “NOT LOVE the WORLD” (1 John 2:15-17)

*We have an enemy, and that enemy is the world. What exactly does God mean by; **The World**? The word “world” in this passage in (1 John 2) is the Greek word “cosmos,” which means “a system or an order of things.” **It is a way of living and doing things**. It is not talking about the planet Earth. There is nothing wrong with loving this planet, which God has made. When God made creation, He called it good. (Gen. 1:31 - Luke 12:27) He made it, and we ought to enjoy it. Nor is it talking about people. We’re to love people of every race. God is Love: (1 John 4:8)*

Three Deadly Enemies are Hidden in this System;

1. The world has an evil prince “The Devil” (John 12:31)

2. The world has a philosophy. There is a **networking of ideas and values** that are skillfully woven together to entrap the most innocent. (1 Cor. 3:19,20)

This world’s philosophy extends from the children’s school system to the Universities, to the News, Entertainment centers, and theme parks (Disney World etc...)

This philosophy appears to be innocent and beautiful, and often alluring.

But it will destroy the minds of the children and adults who are deceived by it.

3. The world has a purpose. ***Its purpose is to draw us away from God***. The world is against the Lord Jesus Christ. ***The world hates Jesus!*** And why does it hate Jesus? Is it because of His miracles, because He healed the sick, because He loved the people etc... **NO**: The world hates Jesus because **He testifies that it is Evil!** (John 3:19-21)

The world cannot hate you; **but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil**. (John 7:7)

*Today’s world tells us that we are to be tolerant of everything. **It is dangerous to call sin “sin.”** The news media and it’s cohorts will rip you to shreds if you denounce Sin. A person who is a friend to this world hates Jesus and is an enemy of God. This world’s purpose is to draw away our hearts and seduce us from loving the Lord Jesus Christ as we ought. The corruption of the world (it’s character) shows us what it is and what it does. Abortion, same sex marriage, homosexuality, lying, stealing, etc... **The corruption of the world has Three main appeals;** (1 John 2:16)*

1. Lust of the Flesh:

This is Satan's appeal to our old nature. "The flesh" refers to our old, Adamic nature. The flesh is what we received from our first birth (Adamic Nature); the Spirit is what we receive from our second birth (Gal. 5:17). When we are saved, a civil war begins on the inside: Our new nature wants to serve God. The old nature doesn't want to die. The Bible calls the old man; "the lust of the flesh." The world tells us to pamper and satisfy our flesh. This deals with our passions and emotions. If it feels good Do It!

2. Lust of the Eyes:

The lust of the eyes deals with having possessions. This is the desire not merely to have and to own things (which is a legitimate desire), but to want more than we need and to be dissatisfied. The "lust of the eyes," mentioned in 1 John 2:16, is a Biblical term defining an intense, selfish desire to possess what is seen, often leading to covetousness. It represents a "worldly" temptation to pursue materialistic gain, luxury, or visual pleasure over spiritual devotion to God.

*(1 Tim. 6:10) does not say money is evil but that **the love of money is evil**.*

3. Pride of Life:

This deals with position. The world tells us to be somebody and to make a name for ourselves. They buy things they do not need with money they do not have to impress people they do not like. This is the reason people gossip. They think that if they pull others down that they will somehow elevate themselves.