# **Restoring Christianity**

• What did Jesus come to do?

1 John 3:8 To undo the works of the devil.

What was that?

Jesus came into the world to restore the Kingdom to us!

• The Kingdom story

1. Adam and Eve - Crown Genesis 1:26-27

2. Satan dethroned Man in Genesis 3; Luke 4:5-8
1/3 Angels wanted dominion – crowns
No one could defeat Satan until God sent His word...

3. Jesus gets the Crown Matthew 28:18

Hebrews 2:8-14 Colossians 1:13-14 Revelation 12:10

At the Cross

- O.T. Dead: white throne judgment, marriage supper of the Lamb, go to Heaven and begin to reign.
- War in Heaven: Satan lost the crown and kicked out of Heaven.

At Pentecost Romans 3:11

N.T. Saints get their crowns Ephesians 2:6

Rev. 1:6; 5:10; 11:15-17; 12:10; 20:4-6; 22:5

• Jesus restored the Kingdom. (He did not come to establish Church.)

Colossians 1:13-14 We are in the Kingdom if we are baptized into Christ by water and the Spirit (John 3:3,5; Acts 2:38; 8:35-39; 22:16)

Hebrews 2:14 Jesus dethroned the devil.

Revelation's story

We are Kingdom priests. 1:6; 5:10

Does this look like church today? No.

- Jesus' plan was always the Kingdom, not an institution called "Church".
- Did Jesus start a "Church"?

Matthew 16:18 Ekklesia is not a Church!

This is a false translation!

What did Jesus say there? Ekklesia is people not a building or religious institution!

• "Church History" Reveals where "church" was introduced.

Satan persecuted Christians up until Roman Emperor Constantine's mother became a Christian.

Constantine issued the "Edict of Toleration" to end persecution.

He basically took control of Christianity. He called the 1<sup>st</sup> Council of Nicea. (325 AD)

His plan was conformity of doctrine. This may sound good but it was not. He hijacked the Faith and the lead of the Holy Spirit by laying the foundation for the establishment of "Churchianity". It was modeled

after the Roman Empire. The Roman Catholic Church came out of it with the Pope as the head, just like the Emperor over Rome. Then came the Holy Roman Empire: Church and State were tied together.

- "Church History" (Continued)
   382 Jerome translates the "Latin Vulgate".
   He removes "Ekklesia" from Matthew 16:18 and puts in "Kuriakos".
  - <u>Ekklesia means</u> "called out people to an assembly".
     It was not a religious word! You can see it in the N.T.
     There was no such thing as "Church" until Jerome's translation paved the way. AD 384
  - <u>Kuriakos means</u> "that pertaining to the Lord".
     He made it a religious word.

It became, "the Lord's House". The translation became Kuriakos  $\rightarrow$  Circe  $\rightarrow$  Kirk  $\rightarrow$  Church.

- Church is a false translation and idea not from Jesus.
- \* Satan stopped persecuting God's people and joined them! He brought about a counterfeit of Christianity that is called church. I call it "churchianity", so did C.S. Lewis.
- What is the differences between Jesus' Ekklesia, the called out people, and Church?
  - o Jesus established the Narrow Way that few find, the Kingdom within us.
  - Satan established Church that is on every corner.
- The differences?

### **Churchianity vs. Christianity**

### Jesus established The Kingdom

All of those who are born again of the water and the spirit:

- Enter the Kingdom.
- Are part of the Body of Christ.
- Are temples of the indwelling Spirit of God. No building "sanctuary"
- Are saved by grace through Jesus' finished work on the cross and His resurrection.
   This is the Gospel D-B-R.
- No one can be in Christ without the True Faith in the Gospel. Roman 1:16-17, Mark 16:15-16
- Led by the Holy Spirit, not law. Free!
- No law, only the Holy Spirit. Law kills, the Spirit gives life.
- The light is God in us.
- He does the transforming in us. We cannot try to be better. We trust him to do all the work.
- No condemnation in Christ

#### **Satan established Church**

- Just believe in Jesus
- or believe and say the sinners prayer.
- Be baptized into our Church.
- You have to go to church to be right with God.
- Saturday or Sunday Sabbaths.
- Do this
   Don't do that
   for right standing with God.
- Grace mixed with law.
- Still under the 10 Commandments.
- Church is a building "Where do you go to Church?"
- A copy of the old covenant.
- Under law dressed up as grace
- Trying daily to be good.
- Always learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

# **The Kingdom**

John the Baptist and Jesus started preaching,

"Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is near."

The message was always the Kingdom.

- Jesus' mission was to dethrone the devil who had Adam & Eve's crown.
  - Genesis 1:26-28
  - Luke 4:5-8
  - John 12:31

14:30

16:11

- 2 Corinthians 4:4
- Matthew 28:18Hebrews 2:8-15

Colossians 1:13-14

1 John 3:8

- Jesus came to undo the work of the devil.
- Jesus got the crown back.
- Jesus gives people the crown.
- He fulfills Exodus 19:6 Kingdom Priests 1 Peter 2:5, 9

Revelation 1:6

5:10

11:15

12:10

Colossians 1:13-14

Ephesians 2:6

2 Timothy 2:12

## Jesus said

- The Kingdom is near Matthew 4:17
- How to enter the Kingdom John 3:3,5
- Not an earthly Kingdom John 18:36,37
- The Kingdom is within you. Luke 17:20-21
- The Kingdom came
  - o Colossians 1:13-14
  - o Revelation 1:9
- A lot of the parables were about the Kingdom. Matthew 13
- The Kingdom is not eating & drinking (law issues) but Righteousness, Peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
- The least in the Kingdom is greater than anyone under the old covenant.

  Matt. 11:11
- At the end of the world Jesus defeats All His enemies, comes back and hands the Kingdom back to the Father.
- 1 Corinthians 15:24-28; Colossians 1:13-14.
- If you are in "Church", you are not in the Kingdom.
  - Church is under Jesus plus law keeping. Galatians 5:4
  - The Kingdom is free from law to follow Jesus by the indwelling Holy Spirit. Romans 8:14, 14:17

# **How do you enter the Kingdom?**

- Through the true Gospel of Jesus. D-B-R (Death, Burial and Resurrection)
- Reject / Repent / turn away from all counterfeits.
- Obey the Gospel
  - 1. by believing in Jesus' D-B-R to give you right standing with God
  - 2. turn to Jesus only as Lord.
  - 3. Be immersed in water for your death, burial and resurrection.

Acts 2:38-39; 22:16 Matthew 28:18-20 Galatians 3:26-27

Colossians 2:8-14

Romans 1:16-17; 6:1-7; 8:14

4. Follow the Holy Spirit in you.

Learn how this works. 1 Corinthians 14, Romans 12

5. Stay away from the counterfeit "Church" system.

It will kill you spiritually.

"Jesus plus law" is spiritual death.

Romans 7:6

2 Corinthians 3:6-18

Galatians 5:4

6. Meet with Kingdom people in Christ, following the Holy Spirit.

Not easy to find?

You may be the start of the Kingdom in your city.

7. Make disciples like Jesus did.

Matthew 10; Luke 9 and 10.

Matthew 28:18-20.