

The Kingdom Now & To Come - THE FULL GOSPEL MESSAGE

- Kingdom Now
 - Mark 1:14-15 - the royal proclamation, a clash of kingdoms is "at hand"
 - Rome's proclamation of "euangellion" - you are now part of Rome
 - Gospel = Good News = Kingdom is at hand
 - Matt 4:23 - Kingdom benefits
 - Matthew 11:2-6 - Where the King is, the Kingdom is
 - Works of Christ are evidence of His Lordship and the reality of His Kingdom's advancement and presence.
 - Kingdom now is a spiritual reality that doesn't look like they thought it would. Blessed is the one who isn't offended by that, and thus blinded to kingdom reality! John wondering where the kingdom benefit is in prison?
 - John the Baptist - Elijah = arrival of Davidic King, eternal throne
 - Role of the Spirit with Kingdom
 - Matt 12:28
 - The Holy of Holies – presence of God within the King
 - John 2:18-22
 - Matthew 11:7-15 - Redemptive Positioning = from least to greatest
 - John is greater than those before because of His redemptive position to Kingdom (one foot in old, one in new as he ushers in the King)
 - But John is going to be in the coming Kingdom, so why is he least?
 - Hint: the Kingdom is also an “at hand” reality.
 - So what is John missing that he would be least? Are we greater than John?
 - Again, this is about redemptive positioning in the Kingdom at hand. John has one foot in the old covenant, and one in the new.
 - Kingdom was at hand IN CHRIST but not yet realized in others until...
 - This takes something yet to come (Hint" Jesus as bearer and **sharer** of the Spirit - John 7:37-39)
 - Line of transcendence
 - Mark 1:15 - time is fulfilled, realized eschatology
 - Matt 3:2, 4:17, 10:7 (From John to Jesus, Jesus to us)
 - Note: disciples can function in the Spirit even though the indwelling is not until after the cross resurrection (made clean for the Holy of Holies)
 - Part of the training process of discipleship
 - After Christ is glorified in the resurrection, the Spirit is poured out within the new covenantal (kingdom) children of God
 - Joel 2:28 = prophecy of those days (when the Kingdom arrives in Christ)
 - 1 Cor 6:19 - Like Christ, those in Christ, are the temple of the Holy Spirit (Kingdom presence!!)
 - Ephesians 1:13 - Spirit as Seal. Deposit = "now & growing". This is what John was missing
 - Luke 11:9-13 - ask, seek, knock = HS
 - Gift of God = Spirit (John 4:10), the Kingdom (Luke 12:32)

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- Gift is not just a future gift (relegating gospel to salvation in heaven to come). Its now - through Spirit (seal, deposit)
- Luke 17:20-21 - among or within...or both? Think about relationship between Kingdom and Spirit
- The Pauline Experience = Experience King post-ascension (Road to Damascus)
 - Our experience with the King is modeled here
 - Kingdom at hand=Body of Christ, People of the Spirit (1Cor 12:12-13, 27)
 - King is here in us! Through Spirit!
 - The Church, now being filled with the Spirit (within and amongst us) keeps the kingdom life “at hand”, in preparation for what is to come! Taste of the coming kingdom life.
 - THIS HAS HUGE IMPLICATIONS FOR WHAT THE CHURCH IS AND DOES!!
 - Disciples wanted to be like their rabbi (take their yoke, follow their path).
 - We follow Jesus is the path of Sonship, keeping the kingdom at hand (in part), until it comes in full (Rom 8:14-17, 28-30)
 - What does this say about the vision & mission of the Church. Making citizens (disciples) of the kingdom, not just converts? Being the Kingdom community!
- Hints of a "Not Yet" reality still to come
 - Matt 13:24-30

Assignment:

1) Read Mark 1-12

3) Read Luke 17:21 - ESV & NIV. Do some research and tell me what translation you think is right and why