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“Kingdom and the purpose of the Church” 4

Matthew 6:31-34 Ampc. *Therefore do not worry and be anxious, saying, What are we going to have to eat? or, What are we going to have to drink? or, What are we going to have to wear?³² For the Gentiles (heathen) wish for and crave and diligently seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows well that you need them all.³³ But seek (^[z]aim at and strive after) **first of all His kingdom and His righteousness** (^[aa]His way of doing and being right), and **then all these things** ^[ab]**taken together will be given you besides.**³⁴ So do not worry or be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will have worries and anxieties of its own. **Sufficient for each day is its own trouble.**”*

- The Father knows... my faith increase in proportion to my knowing and I do this by seeking Him, by knowing I’m right with Him, and doing things His way.

So, I have been digging back into the kingdom of God. **God’s original plan** was to extend His heavenly Kingdom on a physical planet called earth. God’s intent was to **create a family to accomplish the extension** of His Kingdom on the earth.

God’s strategy was to fill His family with His Spirit so they would stay connected to Him in Heaven and they can extend His Kingdom on earth. The connection of His Kingdom coming to earth is His Spirit, the Holy Spirit

The original role of the church. The original goal of God for man was the establishment of His kingdom on earth through His sons.

God’s purpose for the church is to restore mankind back to dominion, *to govern, to rule, to control, To master, to have authority over and*

to lead, to dominate with His nature; responsible for reigning over a designated territory. (What territory are you called to?)

The purpose of the church is Jesus wanted us to be His representatives on the earth.

The church exists for earth, not heaven

The church is not to establish a religion but a governing influence on the earth.

The church is to be the training program for reigning. To teach fallen kings to reign again. He said don't forsake to assemble so much more as you see the day approaching. The church is for saints in training. We are to reach our friends then bring them to the church for training. Peoples' minds are so distorted by the fall that's why we need years of training to teach us that we can reign like kings again.

Romans 5:17 Ampc. *"For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the **free gift of righteousness** [putting them into right standing with Himself] **reign as kings** in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)."*

The church is designed to equip the believer to lead in our area of gifting. God wants us to know our gift then help us be trained to reign.

Ephesians 4:11-13 NKJV *"And **He Himself gave** some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² **for** the equipping of the saints **for** the work of ministry, **for** the [e]difying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;"*

He wants us to mature into the image of Jesus Christ. We are made in God's image but God knows we don't look like this at the moment. It is in

us but it is smothered. Even though we are born again, there are layers of wrong thinking that we have to take away. Our job is to take off the wrong image and reveal the real you which is made in the image of God.

The church was given these offices to train the believer to do their work of the ministry. Not to get you to heaven but to find your gift, to train you to use it to introduce others to the kingdom. When they see us we will look like Him, talk like Him, speak to trees, waves, devils, we are operating just like Him. Jesus had a kingdom mentality, and He wants us to have the same.

We don't have to go to heaven to experience heaven. Jesus was in charge even though He was under the Roman Empire. He wasn't under the circumstances. He spoke to waves, trees, fish, He was in charge. He wasn't oppressed even though He was under a oppressive government. He wants us to be His agents on the job.

The church has power to be witnesses.

Acts 1:3,8 NKJV *“to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many [b]infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and **speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God...**⁸But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be [c]witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

We receive power to be witnesses. The power is for us to be a witness. To witness doesn't mean to just handout out tracts. To witness is the same word that is used in a courtroom. We are to give evidence to prove someone's testimony. He needs witnesses to prove the kingdom is here. He tells us to prove it. It starts with the people close to us. Then Judea is the neighbor, or close to us, Samaria which is farther out in your territory and then the end of the earth.

The power isn't here just to run around, shout, fall out but to be a witness on the job, in the board room, in the situation. To be a Dr. A teacher, a businessman, and you pray and there is order, peace, healing on the job. God wants us to succeed to show people the power of the kingdom. You are a witness.

Jesus let us know His mission, His purpose, He didn't want us to guess what His assignment was.

Matthew 4:17 NKJV *"¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

this is the first public statement of Jesus. This was His mission statement. **Repent**, means to change your thinking. **He brought back a kingdom not a religion**

Luke 4:42,43 NKJV *"Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them; ⁴³ but He said to them, "**I must preach the kingdom of God** to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."*

We are not just saved to go to heaven but to establish the kingdom rulership on the earth. God in Jesus came to re introduce the kingdom.

Luke 12:29-32 NKJV *"²⁹ "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. ³⁰ For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and **your Father knows** that you need these things. ³¹ **But seek the kingdom of God**, and all these things shall be added to you.³² "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you **the kingdom.***

It pleases God to give the Kingdom, not to just get you born again. If you track Jesus ministry, He didn't preach born again all the time. Jesus mentioned born again one time to an old man late at night. The old man asked him a question.

John 3:1-3 NKJV *"There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these*

*signs that You do unless God is with him.”³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born [a]gain, he cannot see **the kingdom of God.**”*

Being born again is the passport to get into the kingdom, it brings you into the kingdom. Many are citizens but don't know they have rights in the kingdom. Look at the word, King- dominion- the Father is pleased when we are kings that dominate. He takes pleasure when we take charge of our life again, take charge with our gifts, when we don't let the devil run all over us and we are not under the circumstances. The good news is we can get the kingdom back.

The church and the kingdom are not the same thing. Just because you belong to a church doesn't mean you are experiencing the kingdom. A lot of churches never teach on the kingdom. The kingdom existed before the church

Matthew 25:34 NKJV *“Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, **inherit the kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world:”*

The kingdom was the influence of heaven on earth through Holy Spirit. God wanted the kingdom but when man fell, he fell from dominion, the Holy Spirit left Him and He lost the kingdom. The Holy Spirit was the connection between heaven and earth.

Kingdom of Heaven is when God has full authority, it's the central place of the governments power, like Washington, it is referring to the place of the government or all of the power of the government. He is talking of all the authority, all of the power of Heaven is coming to you, its working on your behalf. It is a territory, it is a place and God exercises power and authority there. God has rulership there. Its where the king of heaven rules and reign in a territory. The place where God has total control. Everything in that place has come to this place.

Kingdom of God impacts the earth. Is anywhere the kingdom of heaven has influence and authority, its in effect. It's the local government. The government says we will take over that territory. Washington doesn't leave Washington to run things but it sends the equipment, power, resources to the area they take authority over. Its all of the government backing you up. When we get born again we come under the government of heaven which can effect all territory we are called to. God supplies all of our need according to His riches in glory. We give God authority in our lives, it is affected by the **Kingdom of Heaven** and He gives us authority on the earth in the areas we are called to, that is the **Kingdom of God**. The kingdom of God is Gods kingdom dominating an area.

God governs from Heaven to the earth. He governs earth through man full of the Holy Spirit. God doesn't go there to change things Himself, He does it through man by His spirit.

Matthew 6:9,10 NKJV *"In this manner, therefore, pray: **Our Father in heaven,***

*Hallowed be Your name.¹⁰ **Your kingdom come.** Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven."*

The church is the local government. The local government isn't the headquarters. Like the federal government and the state government. In every state there is a federal building with government workers and they execute Washington's will in the state without Washington ever coming. Just like heaven never moves.

The church is heavens local government. The church is supposed to be in touch with headquarters to execute Gods' will, mind, heart in this territory. Most churches are just focused on getting to heaven and God wants us to get His Kingdom done on earth. Listen to what Jesus prayed.

John 17:15 NKJV *¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one."*

If the church leaves then earth has lost heavens influence.

Denominations are not Gods local government unless they are operating in the kingdom, but you won't have a denominational part of heaven, Methodist, Pentecostal, Baptist, church of God, charismatic, etc...Jesus said many will say Lord, Lord but I don't know you.

Matthew 7:21-23 NKJV *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the **kingdom of heaven**, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"*

We want to know Him and that is the purpose of these meetings to learn and to know Him.

What is the church? Its not the building, the choirs, clapping and singing...look at the first mention of church from Jesus

Matthew 16:18 Ampc. *"¹⁸ And I tell you, you are ^[g]Peter [Greek, Petros—a large piece of rock], and on this rock [Greek, petra—a ^[h]huge rock like Gibraltar] I **will build My church**, and the gates of Hades (the powers of the ^[g]infernial region) shall ^[w]not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it]."*

Upon this statement I will build my church, a rock, this statement I will build **My church** "Christ". Christ is the foundation and He is the chief cornerstone that keeps it together.

Hades- three words for hell in the Bible Hades, Sheol, Gehenna, the gates of hades which is referring to death. Death doesn't rule over us in the kingdom. Everyone In Christ death doesn't have any power over us. Kingdom people live believing big because

they know no weapon formed against us can prosper, death doesn't have any victory.

Church- ekklesia- called out ones. The name given by the Roman government to Caesar's cabinet. This word is a common government word. The emperor personally chose these people. They aren't voted in, they are chosen. The leader chooses these Himself. Thank God our eternal destiny isn't determined by someone's vote.

He didn't say He will build A church or the church because there were other churches but He said "**My Church**". Caesar has his church, I have my church. Caesar is Lord and I am Lord, he has his kingdom and I have my kingdom.

The Roman Empire was the longest empire that existed. Jesus couldn't come until there was a kingdom set up like Gods so when God sent Jesus and His son spoke He would use words others would understand. God didn't send Jesus when pharaoh was ruling because he didn't have it set up like the kingdom of God. God didn't send Jesus during the Assyrians because they didn't have a kingdom set up like the kingdom of God. God didn't send Jesus during the Babylonians cause it wasn't set up like the kingdom of God. Remember, God said at the fullness of time I will send my son.

Galatians 4:4-7 NKJV "*But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born^[a] of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth **the Spirit of His Son** into your hearts, crying out, ^[b]"Abba, Father!" ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir ^[c]of God ^[d]through Christ.*

The Roman Empire was the only empire that was set up like the kingdom. All these other empires would conquer a group of people then take everything back to their nation. Daniel was

taken back to Babylon. Pharaoh took people out of other countries and made them slaves.

The romans took over a territory and didn't take the people out but sent people in. They set up like the kingdom of God. He sent a governor into the territory. No governor was local, they came from head quarters, they came from Rome. They had to have Caesar's mind, his heart, his plans, his attitude then they were sent into the territory and their job was to make it just like Rome.

The people in the Roman government understood what Jesus said. When He said He was Lord it made them mad because to them there was only one Lord and that was Caesar. So when He said **I will build My church** just like Caesar they were alarmed.

Jesus said through the church I will reestablish the kingdom. The church is the chosen called out group of people. You are a government official. You have an assignment. My job is to get you thinking correctly, that you are a king that is in the kingdom.

I want to encourage you to realize you are in a position in the kingdom. Think different about yourself. You are a son and daughter of the King so act like it. We change our our thinking, our believing, our talking, expectation....

There is a training that the saints go through until we made into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Tell your neighbor you are next to royalty. **Ex. Heather**, watching stuff on the queen. You don't see her slouching, legs wide open, no she carries herself like royalty.

The church is a living organism of mankind. The parts are moving. A living sacrifice. The buildings are not the church, the people are the church, the building is where the church meets to learn about the king and His kingdom to go out and execute His will.

The church is ambassadors for Christ. We must stop being spiritual on Sunday and stupid on Monday. We are examples, we are the body of Christ, we represent the King.

The church is the legal agency of God on the earth. Its not the government. God's agency is the church. An agency is an organization that services another, like an insurance agency. The church is the agency through which the kingdom works. We service the world for God. So when people are hungry for change they should come to you on that job. No matter what you do they should meet God through you.

The church is the administrative arm of God's government on the earth. If He wants to set someone free, bring healing etc.. He tells us to lay hands on them and He will raise them up. We are the agency and He is the source.

The church is heavens earthly senate. When the senate agrees it becomes law. What ever you agree on earth Heaven will do, He backs it up. God wants to do things on the earth but He can't until He finds someone to agree with Him.

The goal of the church is to call men back to their source. The church is to bring people back to relationship with God. Enter every discipline of life and invite people back into the kingdom. The church is not the end, it is a means into the kingdom. Most people and churches don't want God to mess with their traditions

Mark 7:13 Ampc. *"Thus you are nullifying and making void and of no effect [the authority of] the Word of God through your tradition, which you [in turn] hand on. And many things of this kind you are doing."*

The mission of the church is to represent the government of God earth and to serve as ambassadors of heaven recruiting citizens for the kingdom of God. Whatever area of life you are called too. You are sent to help them gain their citizenship.

Ephesians 3:10 Ampc. *“[The purpose is] that through the church the ~~is~~ complicated, many-sided wisdom of God in all its infinite variety and innumerable aspects might now be made known to the angelic rulers and authorities (principalities and powers) in the heavenly sphere.”*

God is made known through the church. This was His eternal design. The church trains the saints, the agents, to go into the world. The insurance companies don't go to the people the people in the agency goes. We want to go and invite people to buy into the assurance... of their eternal relationship with God.