

Church Vision

“Let Your Kingdom Come”

Introduction

We have heard much about the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of heaven over the last few months and we need to know what this Kingdom is in order to truly pray for the Kingdom to “Come”

Discussion

According to Jesus the Kingdom of God is

1. Within or among the people Luke 17 :20-21.

When we understand this basic truth we will test everything that we hear against the truth of His Word. We will not be swayed or confused when people say “Look here or Go there” (Luke 17:23). This is a warning that if we are not intimate with the Lord we may start running to listen to this preacher or that preacher...ever learning never knowing and Jesus gives clear instructions that “Do not go after them or follow them” (Vv23) . When we are intimate with the Lord we will only follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

2. Approached through understanding Mark 12:34

A scribe showed that he had grasped the essence of the Great Commandment as he realised that to love God and neighbour is more than “all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices: (v33) Jesus, noting his wise reply told him that he was “not far” from the Kingdom of God. To say “not far” is to indicate that there is a journey and that one makes that journey through gaining wisdom. Proverbs chapter 2 teaches that we should seek wisdom to understand the fear of the Lord and gain knowledge of God (v5) . And where do we get this wisdom? From the Lord (v6) Back again to intimacy with the Lord because it is from His mouth (the Word) that we get wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

3. Entered through

- a. Acceptance like a child (Mark 10:15)
- b. Spiritual re-birth (Jn 3:5)
- c. Doing the Will of God (Matt 7:21)

4. A kingdom that will be inherited by the righteous 1 Cor 6:9

Through the Eastern Gate Prayer Convocation 2010 that just ended the messages were repeatedly about the Holiness of God. We have been justified by the Blood of Christ and HE wants one thing only of us...that we be holy as He is Holy. He promises that we are co-heirs of His Kingdom and that legacy is ours only if we walk in holiness.

5. Is not the only Kingdom Luke 11 :18

Jesus referred to the kingdom of satan. We have to be acutely aware that there is another kingdom existing alongside the kingdom of God. History shows that wars are always between two kingdoms or alliances fighting for more territory. There is constant warfare between those who belong to the Kingdom of God and those who belong to the Kingdom of darkness. We have to fight not only to defend what the Lord has given us but to “extend our territory” , to “set the captives free”, to “preach the good news to the broken hearted”.

Conclusion

The Kingdom of God is within us and we have to be vigilant at all times to prevent satan from overcoming us and stealing the abundant life the Lord has promised us . We need to be more intimate with the Lord daily, constantly seek wisdom from Him and be holy as He is holy. All else will be added unto this.