

THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

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Scriptures: *Mat 4:17,23,24, Mat 6:10, Mat 6:33, Mat 9:35, Mat 10:1,7,8, Mat 11:2—11, Mat 12:28, Mat 24:14, Mk 1:14,15, Mk 9:1, Lk 7:22, Lk 9:1,2,11, Lk 10:1,9,19, Lk 12:32, Lk 17:21, Lk 22:29, Rom 14:17, Col 1:13.*

The Gospel for many believers is to know that our sins are forgiven, we are right with God and when we die we will go to heaven. **This is absolutely wonderful and much more than any of us deserve.** This is the starting point of the Gospel.

But the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven, (or Kingdom of God), which Jesus and His followers preached, is more than this. In the above Scriptures, the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven includes healing of all diseases and infirmities. It includes the casting out of demons. The blind see. The lame walk. The dead are raised. The lepers are cleansed. The deaf hear. The dumb speak. The poor have the Gospel preached to them. And blessed are those who are not offended by the message or the preacher. **The Gospel of the Kingdom of God, is the Gospel of the power of the King, the Lord Jesus Christ, in the here and now of this life on planet earth, in and through the lives of those who believe in Him.**

There is no sickness or disease in heaven, nor any demons. Death is not there. Neither are there poverty, hunger, hopelessness and depression.

Look at these:

The **Kingdom of God** is not in word but in **power.** *1Cor 4:20.*

The words that we speak are the demonstration of the **Holy Spirit and power.** *1Cor 2:4.*

Our Gospel does not come in word only, **but in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance.** *1Thes 1:5.*

O Lord, grant unto Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your Word, by stretching forth Your Hand to heal, and that **signs and wonders may be done by the Name of Your Holy Child Jesus.** *Ac 4:29,30.*

They went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with **signs following.** *Mk 16:20.*

Jesus said, truly, truly, I say unto you, **he that believes on Me, the works that I do will he do also, and greater works** than these shall he do because I go unto the Father. *Jn 14:12.*

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power, Who went about doing good, and **healing all that were oppressed of the devil,** for God was with Him. *Ac 10:38.*

Philip went and preached Christ unto them. The people gave heed unto Philip, **seeing the miracles** which he did. Unclean spirits were cast out, and many who were paralysed and lame were healed. The people believed Philip's preaching of **the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ.** Then they were baptised, men and women. *Ac 8:5,6,7,12.*

Jesus said, **I confer on you a Kingdom as My Father has conferred a Kingdom upon Me.** *Lk 22:29.*

The Father has delivered us out of the kingdom of darkness and has **taken us over into the Kingdom of His dear Son.** *Col 1:13.* He has redeemed us **by the Blood of His Son.** *Col 1:14.*

No matter what is happening, always **seek first to bring the Kingdom of God and His righteousness into the situation.** *Mat 6:33.*

Jesus said, "**The Kingdom of God is within you**", *Lk 17:21,* and "**Fear not little flock it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.**" *Lk 12:32.*

At the end of the preaching make a bold appeal for first time salvation, the restoration of those who have fallen away, for the sick to be healed, for the oppressed to be delivered and for believers to be baptised with the Holy Spirit. Make sure the ministry team is well prepared for a huge response.