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Hebrews 12:22-23

22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

- Kingdom citizenship is the present status of the believer. As believers, we must adapt a mindset that allows us to be efficient and effective as members of kingdom community.
- Once again it is important to remember that this is a literal kingdom. It's a kingdom of origin and this kingdom is superior to any other kingdom that exists.
- Jesus came to reclaim what was already his in the first place; this earth belongs to God. Satan took authority from Adam and Eve and began his spiritual domination over the earth through sin and death.

Colonialism is a practice of domination, which involves the subjugation of one people to another. One of the difficulties in defining colonialism is that it is hard to distinguish it from imperialism. Frequently the two concepts are treated as synonyms. Like colonialism, imperialism also involves political and economic control over a dependent territory. The etymology of the two terms, however, provides some clues about how they differ. The term colony comes from the Latin word *colonus*, meaning farmer. This root reminds us that the practice of colonialism usually involved the transfer of population to a new territory, where the arrivals lived as permanent settlers while maintaining political allegiance to their country of origin.

Imperialism, on the other hand, comes from the Latin term imperium, meaning to command. Thus, the term imperialism draws attention to the way that one country exercises power over another, whether through settlement, sovereignty, or indirect mechanisms of control.

Matthew 3:1-8

1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, the voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

Matthew 3:1-8

5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

- Both John the Baptist and Jesus came to reintroduce the kingdom of heaven to the inhabitants of the earth. They came to restore the governance, laws, and principles of the kingdom that were lost when man failed and took on the mindset of the kingdom of darkness.
- So, we see that God came to return through Jesus, restore kingdom rule, return his people to the kingdom, and bring them to repentance, to rethink and relearn the kingdom.

Matthew 4:24

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

REPENT

1. metanoëo (metanoë/w, NT:3340), lit., "to perceive afterwards" (meta, "after," implying "change," noëo, "to perceive"; nous, "the mind, the seat of moral reflection"), in contrast to pronōëo, "to perceive beforehand," hence signifies "to change one's mind or purpose," always, in the NT, involving a change for the better, an amendment, and always, except in Luke 17:3,4, of "repentance" from sin. The word is found in the Synoptic Gospels (in Luke, nine times), in Acts five times, in the Apocalypse twelve times, eight in the messages to the churches, 2:5 (twice), 16,21 (twice), RV, "she willeth not to repent" (2nd part); 3:3,19 (the only churches in those chapters which contain no exhortation in this respect are those at Smyrna and Philadelphia); elsewhere only in 2 Cor 12:21. See also the general Note below. (from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words, Copyright © 1985, Thomas Nelson Publishers.)

Matthew 10:7

7 *And as ye go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

- This is why Jesus commanded us to preach the kingdom of God. People can not return to a kingdom they don't know exists.
- They cannot know about a kingdom that they are not taught about.
- If they don't know about the kingdom, they can't take advantage of their kingdom rights.
- This is why so many people, even people who call themselves Christians, still live by the principles that keep them in bondage. This is why Jesus said, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32)

Romans 10:13-17

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The benefits of preaching is not to impress but to inform, educate, enlighten and reveal the kingdom of God.

- What is it?
- Where is it?
- What are its guiding principles and laws?
- How do I access it?
- What are its benefits?
- These and other questions should be at the center of our preaching and teaching.

- Not how to feel good.
- Not how to manipulate God.
- Not how to use God as our Santa Claus.
- Not how to be selfish.
- Not just to hear a great Bible story.
- But how to live a victorious life in the kingdom of God as Kingdom citizens.

Are we more concerned about being a democrat or republican, black or white, rich or poor, or are we more concerned about claiming our kingdom citizenship and living the kingdom life?



**Before I am anything else,
I Am Kingdom!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Romans 12:1-2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.