

Why the Kingdom?

Understanding the Kingdom of God is of the utmost importance for the believer. Why the Kingdom? Here are 10 reasons why every believer and church is responsible for gaining an understanding of the Kingdom message and sharing it as a key component of the Gospel of Christ with the world.

1) It is the Gospel Jesus Himself taught:

- a) Matthew 4:23 - *"Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand".* (NKJ).
- b) Matthew chapter 13 - Jesus teaches on the Kingdom using parables.

2) It was the reason Jesus came:

- a) Luke 4:43 - *"But he said to them, "I must preach the Good News about the Kingdom of God in other towns also, because that is what God sent me to do." (Good News Translation).*

3) It is the Gospel Jesus commanded his followers to teach:

- a) Luke 9:1-2 *"Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick"*(NKJ).

4) Jesus commands that the Kingdom be our primary pursuit in life:

- a) Matthew 6:33 - *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness"*(NKJ).

5) Jesus said that our prayers should be Kingdom focused:

- a) Matthew 6:9-10 - *"In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven"*(NKJ).

6) The Kingdom is God's original and ultimate plan for mankind:

- a) Luke 22:29-30 *"And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel"*(NKJ)

- 7) **The Kingdom is the power that defeats and destroys the work of the enemy and his kingdom.**
- a) Matthew 12:28 – *“But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you”* (NKJ).
- 8) **Jesus spent 40 days after rising from the dead to provide specific instructions to the church’s leadership on matter pertaining to the Kingdom:**
- a) Acts 1:2-3 – *“Until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God”* (NKJ).
- 9) **The Apostle Paul continues the message delivered by Jesus by teaching the Kingdom wherever he went.**
- a) Acts 1:3, 28:30-31 – *“Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him”* (NKJ).
- 10) **Jesus specified that the message of the Kingdom had to be proclaimed to all the world before He could culminate His plans for the earth.**
- a) Matthew. 24:14 - *“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come”* (NKJ).