

SINGLE ALLIANCE

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The Kingdom of God

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A. Kingdom- “rule and dominion of a king”

B. God's rule does not come by the Law

1. **[Mark 1:15a]**- Jesus said that the kingdom of God was at hand. Jesus spoke this under the Law before His death. This means it had not arrived under the Law.

2. **Believe the gospel**- The rule of God's kingdom arrived with the age of **grace** and the **gospel**

3. The Law focuses on man; the kingdom of God focuses on the Lord Jesus

C. God's kingdom is a kingdom of grace and presently is experienced by church by faith.

D. At the 2nd coming Jesus will set up the kingdom of God over all the Earth during the Millennium.

II. How can we experience the Kingdom or rule of God in our lives?

A. **[Mark 1:15b]** Believe the gospel- receive the grace of God

B. **[Mark 4:26]**- Receive the seed of the Word of God- We receive the Word as seed when we receive the words of the gospel or grace. The seeds of grace for the church are the epistles of the New Testament and all the promises of the Word of God. They will germinate and produce for us when we believe it, speak it, and act on it. By these will fulfill the will of God in every area of our lives.

C. **[Mark 10:15]**- Enter as a child- a small child is totally dependent- We are dependent of the grace of God.

D. **[Mark 10:24; Luke 6:20]**- Lay down your riches [all of your own righteousness and resources] to please God. Blessed are the poor for theirs is the kingdom of God. Poor means total and absolute poverty where you must receive all from another.

E. **[Luke 9:62]**- Take the plow. It is our part to plow or prepare our heart to receive the seeds of His grace. We must plow up the hard legalistic ground of our heart. You will not experience the things of the

kingdom **looking back** to the Law where all is up to you to perform for God.

F. [**Luke 12:31**]- Seek and receive the grace of God and **all will be added [or given] to you**

G. [**Luke 13:29**]- All will come and **sit** in the Kingdom of God. You experience the kingdom by sitting [**or resting**] in the finished work of Christ. Christ is seated and we are seated with Him.

H. [**Luke 17:20-21**]-The Kingdom does not come by observation- The kingdom is experienced by faith and not the senses. The realities of the kingdom must be received by faith. The kingdom is in you because of the indwelling Christ.

I. [**John 3:3**]- We see the kingdom by our reborn spirit by faith

II. **Benefits of the Kingdom**

A. [**Matthew 12:28**]- The grace of God will **free you from demonic influence**. God's grace at the cross brought deliverance from Satan. You were translated out **of Satan's kingdom and were placed into the kingdom of God**. [**Col 1:13**]

B. [**Mark 9:1; 1 Cor. 4:20**]- **The power of God accompanies the kingdom**. The power of God was released upon us once Jesus was glorified.

C. [**Luke 9:2; 9:11; 10:9**]- **Healing accompanies the kingdom of God** and the preaching of the gospel of grace.

D. [**Luke 12:31**]- **All of life's provisions are added to us when we seek and receive His grace**

E. [**Luke 22:18**]- **The fullness of the Holy Spirit comes with the kingdom**- We drink of the fruit of the vine in the kingdom

F. [**John 3:3**]- **The new creation realities are realized with the kingdom**

G. [**Rom. 14:17**]- **righteousness, peace, and joy**. If you are living in sin, lacking peace and joy, you are not experiencing the kingdom of God

Prayer to receive the benefits of the kingdom.