

The Whole Church #15 - The Church and the Kingdom

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Monday:

Please read Matthew 6:25-33 to help set the tone for this message.

“But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you”. There’s been an increase in the level of what you are doing with the word that you are receiving.

If you have been paying attention, just in the past two weeks, you probably know more about the Kingdom than probably about 75% of the leaders in the body of Christ today.

There are seven things that are on the front burner for us part of the body of Christ. These are things that God has implemented here. These are what we consider to be our spiritual DNA. The Kingdom of God, the Father, Grace, Relationship and Family, Equipping the Saints, Signs and Wonders, and the Poor.

The true church is emerging out of obscurity.

Tuesday:

The Kingdom of God:

- The Kingdom of God is coming, with you or without you. This keeps getting emphasized because it so very important.
- The Kingdom is the new frontier for this generation. This generation has the golden opportunity to see, experience, and be a part of the result of the greatest manifestation of the Kingdom that any generation has ever seen before.
- The Kingdom is coming. You can see it if you’re looking in every day, little situations, and it’s coming into big situations, too. But again, you have to look for it and pay attention.
- Myles Munroe is a really strong communicator of the Kingdom. Anything you can get to read or watch on Myles Munroe is good.
- The Bible says that the Kingdom of God is within you, especially if you’re born again, but if it doesn’t match up with a real desire of your heart, then you’re going to miss it.
- The true church is the greatest society the world has ever known, and a bridge to the Kingdom of God, even when it is still maturing. It is the most powerful and compelling entity on earth. Far more than any government or organization.
- God is establishing His Kingdom, and He is doing it through people like us.
- Whatever you loose on earth is loosed in the heavenlies, and whatever you bind on earth is bound in the heavenlies. So, you have supernatural power to bind up the enemy, loose the Spirit of God, loose encouragement, loose the grace of God, loose the awakening. Wherever you go, you have the liberty to do that.
- The church has the responsibility to show the world what God is like. Therefore, our position and behavior becomes very important in the things we do, and how we do them.
- The Kingdom of God is not something just for the future. It’s a present reality. So many people are stranded between what God has done and what He is going to do, but the Kingdom mindset is that the Kingdom is now.
- You have been given all things pertaining to life and godliness. *“Well, how do I get that?”* You walk by faith and pay attention to what we are saying here. You do something with what you hear. That’s how you get somewhere in the Kingdom of God.

Wednesday:

The Father:

- It's not the conceptual knowledge of knowing Him as Father, it has to be the experiential knowledge of knowing Him as Father. It's experiencing a relationship with Him.
- God is happy when you start to understand that the real prize to be had is not the things that God says to us and not the things that God gives to us. The real prize is HIM.
- If you are not experiencing the presence of God, you are missing what we're talking about. You're missing the whole thing.
- If you have been with Him, you have something to say, because there's something about Him and the and the time you give Him. He'll make that time so rich.

Grace:

- Everything that we do around here is grace seasoned. We look at everything through the lens of grace, rather than law and legalism.
- Anybody preaching a mixture of law and grace *ain't preaching grace at all*.
- If you get to the point where you think you know what this is, and it's almost too good to be true, you are coming close to knowing what grace is.
- If you've been to church a lot in the Bible Belt, it takes a long time to deprogram you from the mindset of law and legalism.
- So what are we dealing in as Kingdom people? We are purveyors of grace.
- To understand grace, you need to be experiencing grace, and then demonstrate it in such a way that people get it and you don't even have to tell them that it was grace.

Thursday:

Relationship/Family:

- God's looking for a family. If He wanted something other than a family, He would have called Himself something other than Father.

Equipping the Saints:

- A lot of you get my notes on Sunday morning. They're not for you to just to follow along. They are for you to better understand what I'm saying, so you can take that out and do something with it. You are getting these notes as part of your equipping for the work of the ministry.
- A lot of things are going to happen when we get together at the church house, but I believe most of it is going to happen out there with you, because you have been equipped.

Friday:

Signs and Wonders:

- The word says that signs and wonders will follow them who believe, and you're coming out in the open and doing these kinds of things on a regular, routine basis.

The Poor:

- Start to pay attention to the things that are in you, that you have a burden for, and that really touch your heart. Pay attention to when you tear up when you talk about some people that you really have compassion for, and want to help.

Let's stop complaining and whining about the situation that you are in. Look for God in that situation, and what He wants to teach you out of it. The more I get with the Father, the simpler it gets.

If you want to really get on the enemy's nerves, embrace and walk in the joy of the Lord. When you are really under fire and the enemy is in the attack mode, just throw some joy out there.

The joy of the Lord can truly be your strength.

The joy of knowing that He will never leave us nor forsake us, even in the middle of the darkest things you go through.

Saturday:

The Church takes what the Father gives and distributes it to the people. We give it to the family, who, in turn, gives it to the world.

As you go out spreading the good news, say, "*The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand*". Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. That's how it works. So we have to keep hacking at the Bible Belt mentality that says differently.

It's a supernatural thing when you hear the word with an open heart.

Impartation means that life is being imparted to you. It can come through prayer, the laying on of hands, hearing the word, or even through good conversation.

Other words that describe the church: An agent, good stewards, intercessory prayer, diplomat, ambassadors, and pearl of great price,

People should look at you and know what the Kingdom of God looks like. It should be similar.