



THE MESSAGE OF THE KINGDOM

THEME SCRIPTURE

""Matt 4 v17 "From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent [change your inner self your old way of thinking, regret past sins, live your life in a way that proves repentance; seek God's purpose for your life], for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." "

The opening scripture reveals the message of Jesus is the message of the kingdom of God. The finished works of Jesus was not limited to the forgiveness of sin, healing or just performing miracles rather Jesus came to grant us access into the kingdom of God. Why is this so? This is because Adam and Eve lost access to God in the garden of Eden when they disobeyed God. This brought about the redemption of man, not just from sin but restoring access to God. To be granted access to God, one must be born again. Being born again could be likened to having a means of identification i.e. an international passport that reveals identity and nation/kingdom represented.

Therefore, been born again means that Jesus Christ has granted us access into the kingdom and we now carry the identity of the Kingdom of God. Hallelujah!

This year of leadership for us in IWMI, it is expedient we understand the kingdom of God and with this knowledge influence the system of this world, its government, those in charge & position of authority and take over them all by ensuring the Kingdom of God dominate this world. Furthermore, the spirit of God charged us to take over territories, subdue nations & kingdom and establish his kingdom reign over all the earth. (Gen 1 v 26-28)

THE MESSAGE OF JESUS IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The ministry of Jesus while on earth was to point mankind to God's original plan which is the reign of God's kingdom on earth and not direct the verities of the kingdom such as healing, miracles, provision, forgiveness etc. Jesus demonstrated power and sovereignty over all the elements of the earth as an ambassador of the kingdom of God, enforcing dominion on earth. It is important to note that the kingdom of God is established in heaven, however on earth there is a contention between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of this world where the devil is ruling.





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To better understand this, there is the kingdom of God which Jesus came to reveal on earth with mighty demonstrations of signs, wonders and diverse miracles. There is also the kingdom of this world, where the devil was addressed as the god of this world, having stolen this authority from Adam & Eve when they disobeyed the command of God in Eden. So, how was the devil able to attain this authority?

Referring to the account in Genesis 1 v 26 -29, God gave Adam the earth and all its fullness to reign and rule over it as an extension of the kingdom of God. However, Adam's disobedience transferred the authority God gave him to the devil and as a result the access of fellowship between God and man was lost.

Therefore, Jesus came not only to demonstrate kingdom authority to the world through performing signs and wonders but rather to lead us back into the Kingdom of God where mankind can gain access back to the kingdom of God and return into fellowship with God the Father. Glory to God.

The Character of the Kingdom

Now that we have gained access to the kingdom of God through Christ, we are now ambassadors of the Kingdom and we must display the character of the kingdom. Matt 18 v 2-5, Jesus likened the character of the kingdom to that of a child. For a child, forgiveness comes easily with no kept account of any wrong done. So, we must be quick to forgive any wrong doing.

In conclusion, the message of Jesus Christ is not limited to God saves, heals or performs miracles rather his message is about the kingdom of God, restoring all men back to the kingdom in fellowship with God. For as many that are born again, their identity is from the kingdom of God. Every born-again believer must ensure that the kingdom of God dominates the earth, rule over the systems & governments of this world, to take over territories, subdue nations & kingdom and establish God's kingdom reign over all the earth.

