

“Our flag does not fly because
the wind moves it. It flies with
the last breath of each soldier
who died protecting it.”

- Unknown





The Kingdom of God

What is the Kingdom of God (heaven)?

John's ministry was declaring the Kingdom of Heaven (God) in preparation of the Manifestation of Messiah (Christ), Jesus.

Matthew 3:1-2

1 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Matthew 4:17

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

Important Note:

The Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven: these are interchangeable. They mean the same thing.

Kingdom of Heaven

We cannot understand the Kingdom of God (heaven) with our carnal minds (human understanding). This is why we are told to “Repent” in regards to the Kingdom of Heaven. Both Jesus and John are essentially saying stop thinking like men and start thinking like God.

Remember, its His Kingdom, so to fully understand it we must think of it and understand it as He does.

“God give us your heart, mind and thoughts in regards to Your Kingdom.”

Greater Works and the Kingdom

John 14:12-17

12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 14:12-17 (continued)

14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

The two things needed to do the works (and greater works) of Jesus:

1st. Faith in Jesus (believe)- as we have been learning, this is more than a mental belief, but a Faith that is realized in every aspect of our life and existence and all that we do.

2nd. The presence of Holy Spirit (the baptism of the Holy Spirit). These both are needed in order for us to “do” what Jesus did.

What does this have to do with the Kingdom of Heaven (God)?

Romans 14:16-18

16 Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil;

17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

18 For he who serves Christ in these things *is* acceptable to God and approved by men.

Conclusion:

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

“If you want to thank a soldier, be the kind of American worth fighting for.”
– Unknown

