

Recap Tributaries:

1. Continuation
2. Salvation
3. Self-Revelation of God
4. Ministry of Jesus
5. Healing in the Atonement

6. The Message of the Kingdom

Luk 4:43 NASB95 - 43 But He said to them, "I **must preach the kingdom of God** to the other cities also, for I was **sent for this purpose.**"

First Message of earthly ministry?

- **Matthew 4:17** - *"From that time, Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*
- **Mark 1:14-15** - *"14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;[a] repent and believe in the gospel."*

Last Message of earthly ministry?

- **Acts 1:3** - *"To [c]these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of **things regarding the kingdom of God.**"*

Was it just for Him to announce, though?

Matthew 24:14 - 14 This **gospel of the kingdom** shall be preached in the whole [a]world as a testimony to all the nations, and **then the end will come.**

Paul

Acts 19:8 - *And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and **persuading them about the kingdom of God.***



Just an initial message?

Revelation 14:6-7 - And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an **ETERNAL gospel to preach** to those who [c]live on the earth, and **to every nation and tribe and tongue and people**; 7 and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

The gospel of...

Who

Gospel of God, Gospel of Christ, Gospel of our Lord Jesus, Gospel of His Son, Gospel of the glory of Christ, Gospel of Our Lord Jesus - 29x

What

Kingdom - 4

Gospel of your salvation - 1

Gospel of Peace - 1

Gospel of the Grace of God - 1

We Can Clearly See the Primacy, But What *is* it?

Rule - Kingly dominion

- Sovereignty and supreme authority

Obviously, God is the Ultimate Authority

- Garden - Made in Image, subdue and rule - Genesis 1:26

***NOW - near, upon, within, in your midst - **Declaration of war**

Matthew 16:19 - "I will give **you** the **keys of the kingdom of heaven**; and whatever you bind on earth **shall have been bound** in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth **shall have been loosed** in heaven." - *when?* The church age

- Church is not the Kingdom; agents of it

κλεῖς *kleís*, *klice* - a key

- since the keeper of the keys has the power to open and to shut
- metaph. in the NT to denote power and authority of various kinds

Rev 1:18 - *18 and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the **keys[G2807]** of death and of Hades.*



Without Demonstration, Not a Full Message

Hebrews 2:3-4 - *how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? [d]After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, 4 **God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various [e]miracles and by [f]gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.***

Romans 15:18-19 - *18 For I will not presume to speak of anything [g]except what Christ has accomplished through me, [h]resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by **word and deed**, 19 **in the power of [i]signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit**; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have [j]fully preached the gospel of Christ.*

Pronouncement of the Kingdom:

- **Luke 10:8-9** - "Whatever city you enter and they receive you, eat what is set before you; 9 and **heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'**"
- **Luke 9:1-2** - 1 When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them **power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases**, 2 and he sent them out to **preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.**
- **Luke 9:11** - But the crowds were aware of this and followed Him; and welcoming them, He began **speaking to them about the kingdom of God and curing those who had need of healing.**
- **Matthew 4:23** - Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and **proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.**
- **Matthew 9:35** - Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and **proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.**
- **Matthew 10:1, 7-8** - Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness...7 **And as you go, [a]preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven [b]is at hand.'** 8 **Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons.** Freely you received, freely give
- **Mark 1:14, 21-17** - 14 Now after John had been [h]taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, [i]preaching the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the **kingdom of God [j]is at hand**; repent and [k]believe in the gospel."...21 They *went into Capernaum; and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and began to teach. 22 They were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them **as one having authority**, and not as the scribes. 23 Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,



24 saying, "What [n]business do we have with each other, Jesus [o]f Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" 25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" 26 Throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice and came out of him. 27 They were all amazed, so that they debated among themselves, saying, "**What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.**"

Philip - Acts 8:5-13

- V12!

Paul - Acts 19:8-20 - Ephesian revival

- What was Paul Preaching?

Signs Confirm the Message

- Signs Confirm Kingdom message - not exact stamp of correct doctrine
- Mark 16 - These Signs SHALL
- **Hard to deny a message that displays exactly what is taught**

More than just forgiveness, salvation as a whole

Others have held that healing was not in the atonement. But they have believed that healing is for today, because it is in the message of the Kingdom, and is to be part of our message as we continue to preach the "gospel of the Kingdom" which was Jesus and Paul's message.

- **John Wimber is an example from this group.**

The Now and Not Yet concept - George Eldon Ladd (Baptist) "We live in the presence of the future, The future age of God has come into the Now"

- Fight for the now as much as possible

We don't preach the kingdom in order to see signs and wonders; we preach the Kingdom because we love and honor the King. But the natural bi-product of preaching and flowing in the Kingdom is signs and wonders.



7. The Will of God

Where Does Sickness Come From?

- Son of man came for this purpose - to destroy the works - 1 John 3:8
- Acts 10:38 - Notice the Trinitarian agreement for healing - oppressed by the Devil
 - John G. Lake:
 - *"Like a flash from the blue, these words pierced my heart: Oppressed of the devil! So, God was not the author of sickness! And the people whom Jesus healed had not been made sick by God!"*
 - *Then he "read the words of Jesus in Luke 13:16: "Ought not this woman . . . whom SATAN HATH BOUND, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond?" Once again Jesus attributed sickness to the devil. What a faith sprang up in my heart! What a flame of knowledge concerning the Word of God and the ministry of Jesus went over my soul! I saw as never before why Jesus healed the sick: He was doing the will of His Father; and in doing His father's will, He was destroying the works of the devil.*
- Devil destroys - John 10
- *It was widely believed in Jesus day that sickness, calamity, etc. was caused by evil spirits- even by unbelievers*

Jesus Reveals the Will of the Father

John 6:38 - "For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me."

John 14:9 - Jesus *said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Matthew 8:1-3

I AM WILLING, BE CLEANSED

Times it may not have seemed:

Bartimaeus – Mark 10:46

The demonized boy of Luke 9:37

Believing it's His will, while not becoming abusive about it - 'someone's fault'

- *Can't you present it to people without blaming them?*



We will die at some point

1 Cor 15:24-26 - 24 *Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 **The last enemy to be destroyed is death.***

Huge Stumbling Block: So caught up in WILL 100% they don't pray at all

- 40% is better than 0.

More people get healed when more people pray for the sick

- "If I brought this person to Jesus, would they be healed?"

Don't believe it, don't expect it, don't pursue it, don't see it

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