

# THE GOSPEL AND THE KINGDOM

## WE PREACH BOTH ACCORDING TO THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST

*"I have gone preaching the kingdom of God"*

*~ Paul in Acts 20:25*

### 1. Things Similar / Things Different

- a. We preach the similarities and the differences.
- b. Paul preached the kingdom of God ... but he preached something different.
- c. The Bible speaks of different churches, gospels, kingdoms – Rev 11:15, Col 1:16
- d. Prophecy and mystery are both scripture (2 Tim 3:16) but are different (Rom 16:25)
- e. It's not the similarities that need rightly divided – but the differences.

### 2. Gospel of the Kingdom vs. Gospel of the Grace of God

- a. "Go preach the gospel" – requires we know what it is. Which gospel?
- b. God's kingdom promises acc. to prophecy:
  - i. Of the flesh: to a nation (Israel) – Gen 3:15, Gen 12:2-3
  - ii. Worldwide (earthly) blessing – Gen 12:3, Isa 2:3-4, 11:10, Mt 6:10
  - iii. On David's throne (Jerusalem) – Acts 2:29-32
  - iv. Miracles and healing – Isa 35:6, Lk 9:1-2
- c. Gospel of the kingdom = "the time is fulfilled... the kingdom at hand" – Mk 1:14
- d. The gospel of Christ, according to the mystery:
  - i. A new creature – 2 Cor 5:17
  - ii. Quickened with him to sit in heavenly places – Eph 2:7
  - iii. The shame of Israel (cross) is offered to save all men – 1 Cor 1:18
  - iv. Saved by grace through faith alone, not by works, not under law – Eph 2:8
- e. Paul never preached the 'gospel of the kingdom' – Acts 20:24-25

### 3. The Kingdom Rejected

- a. Jesus ministry changed after Matt 16:21, Luke 9:22... he was to be rejected
- b. The "good news" changed to the power of resurrection for the kingdom – 1 Pet 1:3
- c. The kingdom offered to Israel in Acts 3:19-21, but they rejected it Acts 7:51-58
- d. You can't preach Israel's kingdom blessing while Israel is in darkness – Isa 60:1, Mt 5:14
- e. How do people get access to the kingdom of God?

### 4. Paul Preaching the Kingdom

- a. Kingdom ~*def.* The reign, government, dominion of a king.
- b. 19x "kingdom" is used in Paul's ministry, 14x in his epistles
- c. The answer is there are different ways to preach the kingdom
  - i. Everyone translated into the kingdom – Col 1:13, Eph 2:6-7
  - ii. The reign of Christ includes both heaven and earth – Eph 1:10, Col 1:16
  - iii. Righteousness reigns in the kingdom – Rom 14:17
  - iv. Same king of Israel's kingdom is the Head of the church – 1 Tim 1:17, 6:15
  - v. Kingdom means He reigns and judges – 2 Tim 4:1, Acts 19:8, 24:25, 28:23
  - vi. We have been called unto his kingdom – 1 Th 2:12, 2 Tim 4:18, 2 Th 1:5
- d. Paul preached the kingdom of God acc. to the mystery... but that is not all he preached.