



Proclaiming the Full Gospel of the Kingdom!

"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever"
(Revelations 11:15, NKJV)

Growing up as a young convert into Christianity, I was introduced to a narrow definition of "the kingdom gospel". The core message of the "good news" is centered on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. While this is biblical, I believe that the gospel without the mention of God's creation has no foundation. A much broader scope should include two additional components: the recognition of Christ as Creator, and His Sovereign rulership in the new kingdom that He is coming to establish.

Without equivocation, the gospel message and the kingdom point to only one person – the Lord Jesus Christ, "The true God and eternal life" (1 John 5:20, NKJV). Thus, proclaiming Christ in all of His fullness requires that we recognize Him as:

1) The Almighty Creator

As the Creator of all things visible and invisible in Heaven, on Earth, and underneath the Earth, God spoke the universe into existence (Psalm 33:6-9). Paul masterfully outlines this truth to the believers in Colosse: "For by Him, all things were created that are in Heaven, and that are on Earth, visible and invisible... all things were created through Him and for Him" (Colossians 1:16). Likewise, the Bible states that He is "upholding all things by the Word of His power" (Hebrews 1:3). After He spoke the universe into existence, He walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the day (Genesis 3:8). Later, Adam and Eve flagrantly disobeyed His only command not to eat of the fruit from the tree of good and evil. Then, He willingly chose to become Man (John 1:14) to rescue mankind from the curse.



2) The Mighty Redeemer and Savior

God came to Earth in bodily form in the person of Jesus Christ with the perfect rescue plan to redeem humanity. Paul presents this narrative: "God was manifested in flesh, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory" (1 Timothy 3:16).

To accomplish His mission, Jesus had to die on the cross as the sacrificial "Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). This Lamb (God the Son) willingly "took upon Himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men... and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:7-8). Astonishingly, even God the Father "despised" Him as He hung on the cross, for God is Holy. For our sakes, the Father "made [Jesus] to [be] sin for us who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). As we look at the cross today, let us observe that Jesus bore the curse of sin, paid the cost of sin, and became the cure for sin. And at His death, He declared "it is finished". To fully proclaim Christ in all of His fullness demands that we anticipate His future rulership of His soon coming kingdom.

3) The Sovereign King

In His second coming, Christ will return as King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Revelations 19:16), and will dwell with us in a glorious city – the New Jerusalem – made of gold and jewels. "His dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall never pass away, and His kingdom shall not be destroyed" (Daniel 7:14). In addition, "The kingdoms of this



world [will] become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever" (Revelations 11:15).

So now, what is our responsibility? It is our privilege to participate in His work on Earth, as His Spirit empowers us. Remember, the Bible says, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14).

Our Prayer: "Lord, grant us the grace and empower us to proclaim the full gospel of the kingdom, no matter the cost to our personal lives."