

The Kingdom of God

A Spiritual Awakening!

Eph. 1:18-19

What is the Kingdom of God? (Gen. 1–3:5)

Configuration:

1. Ownership—God owns everything (Gen. 2:1–2, Acts 7:50)
2. Sonship—God created ‘mankind’ in His image (Gen. 1:26–28)
3. Assignment—God entrusted mankind, made in His image, with stewardship over the earth (Gen. 1:28–30; 2:15)

Control:

1. Theocracy—God is the absolute Ruler (Dan. 4:35)
 - a. Absolute authority—God rules by command (Gen. 1:3a; 2:16a)
 - b. Delegated authority—God exercises His rule on earth through those He appoints (Dan. 4:32b; Gen. 1:28; Ps. 115:16; Luke 4:5–6)
2. The Word—the Bible is the final rule (John 1:1; Josh. 1:8; Ps. 119:11, 105)

Characteristics:

1. It is a **superior** Kingdom (Dan. 2:44)
2. It is an **invisible** Kingdom (Luke 17:20–21)
3. It is an **everlasting** Kingdom (Dan. 7:27)
4. It is a **gender-neutral** Kingdom (Gal. 3:28a)
5. It is a **class-neutral** Kingdom (Gal. 3:28b)
6. It is a **generational** Kingdom (Dan. 4:35b)
7. It is an **otherworldly** Kingdom (John 18:36a)

Citizenry:

1. Spirits inhabit it—**the sons of God** (John 4:23–24; Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7; 1 Cor. 15:50a; Gal. 3:26)
2. For humans, citizenship comes only through **new birth** (John 3:3, 5)
3. Only humans are granted **dual citizenship** (Phil. 3:20; John 17:16; 2 Cor. 10:3; Gal. 5:25)
4. All citizens are **related** (Heb. 2:11)
5. Citizens have one assignment: **do God’s will** (Matt. 6:10; John 5:19; Matt. 6:33)

A Few Truths about the Kingdom

- Received by **Revelation** (Matt. 11:27; 16:17; 1 Cor. 2:10)
- **Faith** as a currency (Heb. 10:38; Heb. 11:6a)
- **Reward** as a compensation system (Matt. 6:1–16; Heb. 11:6b; Isa. 40:10)
- **Self-sufficiency** of God (Phil. 4:19; Prov. 3:5–6)



- Does not operate by **Meritocracy** (Matt. 20:1–16)
- Allows only His **Perfect Will** (Matt. 6:10)
- Citizens address natural problems with **supernatural power, spiritual dependence, and divine wisdom** (2 Cor. 10:3–4; Matt. 17:24–27; 16:8–10)

Pitfalls to Avoid as Citizens:

1. Avoid the patterns of this world (Rom. 12:2)
 - Trying to be like others (1 Sam. 8:5–6, 19–20)
 - Relying on human wisdom or strength (2 Sam. 24:10; cf. 1 Chron. 21)
2. Beware of worldly traps (Prov. 29:25)
 - Honour civic duties without compromising higher moral and spiritual obligations (Matt. 22:21; 17:24–27)
3. Beware of self-inflicted delays (Deut. 1:2)
 - They come with personal and group consequences (Num. 12:1–15)

CALL TO ACTION: It is time to arise, shine, for **OUR** light has come! (Isa. 60:1a)