

#496 A Kingdom View Of Salvation

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There is a certain expected reaction to any concept of salvation that actually costs something of the believer. Why? Because of the apparent “success” of Billy Sunday (1862 to 1935) and many others who have followed with their focus upon a one verse salvation. For nearly a hundred years this “Gospel of One Verse Salvation” has become the standard that is preached. Everyone seems to just accept this “gospel” without ever checking it out to see if it harmonizes with the rest of the scriptures. This objection and reaction to the “Gospel of the Kingdom” is universal when “salvation” is considered from the viewpoint of the Kingdom of God. The “gospel of salvation” focuses upon man’s great need for forgiveness of sins and his redemption and upon habits and an outward lifestyle. The “Gospel of the Kingdom” focuses upon God’s Eternal Purpose and His predestined end and His master plan to achieve it. This “master plan” involves the Living and Abiding Word of God and the Indwelling Holy Spirit along with the provisions of the New Covenant actively working within man. The Kingdom focuses upon the New Covenant provision, an inner life, a transformed character and doing the will of God. Of course man’s sins must be forgiven through the ultimate sacrifice of Calvary before the New Covenant and the Kingdom can become a reality as a personal experience. However, anybody can preach the doctrine of the Kingdom without the New Covenant experience that makes the Kingdom experiential!

Within these following questions lies the misunderstanding. Is “eternal salvation” related to man’s need or is it related to God’s need and His Eternal Purpose. Is “salvation” related to the Kingdom or just to heaven? How we answer this question will determine our basic doctrines concerning salvation. Is man’s great need the reason for salvation or is God’s need to deal with His enemies and prepare a Government for the world yet to come the real reason for man’s experience of justification, forgiveness, redemption, reconciliation and salvation.

Psalms 8:2 From the mouth of infants and nursing babes Thou hast established strength, **Because of Thine adversaries, To make the enemy and the revengeful cease.** 3 When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, The moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained; 4 **What is man, that Thou dost take thought of him?** And the son of man, that Thou dost care for him? 5 Yet Thou hast made him a little lower than God, And dost crown him with glory and majesty! 6 Thou dost make him to rule over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet,

Heb 2:5 For **He did not subject to angels the world to come,** concerning which we are speaking. 6 But one has testified somewhere, saying, “**WHAT IS MAN, THAT THOU REMEMBEREST HIM? OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT THOU ART CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?**” 7 “**THOU HAST MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS; THOU HAST CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR, AND HAST APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF THY HANDS;** 8 **THOU HAST PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET.**” For in subjecting all things to him, **He left nothing that is not subject to him.** But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.

After we gain a simple understanding that man was created for God and to fulfill His Purpose we should then turn from a man centered gospel to a God centered Gospel. We must be adjusted

from an earth centered focus to an eternal centered focus. It is certainly true that because of the fall of man in Genesis 3 that man has a great need for forgiveness, correction, adjustment, redemption and a full salvation. It is also true that ONLY God could provide redemption for mankind. That “redemption” was purchased for us through the Son of Man, Christ Jesus, on Calvary by His perfect sacrifice. His being the Son of God made his sacrifice efficacious for the redemption of every person who will submit to the process called Salvation. Redemption means to purchase back or re-purchase! To become a purchased possession. However, Ephesians provides us with its own definition. Eph 1:7 In Him we have **redemption** through His blood, **the forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the riches of His grace,

However, AFTER we have been redeemed, is that all that God purposed? That seems to be the message in the “gospel of salvation” indicating that “salvation” is the ultimate goal. The “Gospel of the Kingdom” focuses upon God’s reasons and needs for the creation of man in the first place and that was to deal with God’s enemies and Satan, and to judge the fallen angels. God also has purposed to recreate man in the Image and Likeness of His ONLY begotten Son and to make His Prototype Son the Sovereign Head of an Eternal and Corporate Government to rule over the world yet to come.

Because of God’s Eternal Plan for the Government of the next world He must eliminate all stumbling blocks, liars and unregenerate persons from His Kingdom. Their destiny is NOT salvation, even if they believe something about Jesus!

Rev 21:8 “But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and **all liars**, their part *will be* in **the lake that burns with fire and brimstone**, which is the second death.”

Rev 20:15 And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, **he was thrown into the lake of fire**.

Rev 20:10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into **the lake of fire** and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

It is amazing that several preachers who have fallen into immorality and lying insist that they are “saved” but we wonder what their definition of “salvation” is in the light of these scriptures! Do they mean “saved from hell or saved from the Lake of Fire Or from Outer Darkness?” We might ask if they are “saved” as far as the Kingdom of God.

The question then arises if half-saved persons can be included in God’s Purpose and what happens to the Old Covenant saints and those who are barely “saved?” Since man has inherited many fallen characteristics from first Adam these must be reconciled to God’s standards to be included in His Kingdom. This has to do with our attitudes, our disposition, our character and all other defects including lying and immorality and other sins of the flesh. These things, along with lawlessness, obviously are not acceptable in the Kingdom of God.

But brother, aren’t these things forgiven through Calvary? Yes! But until there is a

transformation where these things are overcome and are replaced with a Kingdom character we are not considered **worthy of the Kingdom.**

Col 1:10 so that you may walk in a manner **worthy of the Lord,** to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

1Thess 2:12 so that you may walk in a manner **worthy of the God** who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

2Thess 1:5 *This is* a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you may be considered **worthy of the kingdom of God,** for which indeed you are suffering.

Of course we are NOT suggesting that anyone can become worthy of redemption, the forgiveness of sins. This is just by the grace and mercy of God through the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ! Personal suffering will never qualify us for forgiveness of sins but many defects and deficiencies can be revealed and eliminated through suffering. It seems obvious that the Kingdom of God has much higher standards than the visible church has acknowledged.

Act 5:41 So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, **rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name.**

Col 1:15 And He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things have been created by Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

The absolute preeminence of the Lord Jesus Christ is without question. He is the reason that both the present heavens and present earth exist. It would be difficult to over emphasize His importance in the plan and purpose of God. In the realms of eternity there is NO TIME so everything happens in the eternal now. God dwells in the Eternal Moment and sees from the beginning to the end without any time passing. Time is the element of the earth. Day and night, light and darkness are related to the earth dimension and are created elements.

Gen 1:5 And God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

Jesus is ruling NOW **until** every enemy is put under His feet which is related to time and a future event which means this "ruling" is in the earth realm. For us "salvation" is future tense while redemption, the "forgiveness of sins", is past tense! Our "sins" are forgiven but we are working out our salvation with fear and trembling.

Philip 2:12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your salvation with fear and trembling;**

"Working out" of us the characteristics and fallen nature of the first Adam is extremely important when we understand the Kingdom requirements. Liars, thieves and immoral persons

may have “eternal confidence and security” in the doctrine of the fundamental church but each of us should be living in fear and trembling if we expect to participate in the Kingdom realm.

Our purpose in this document is to relate “salvation” to the Kingdom of God and to establish some Biblical standards for the Christian Experience. Establishing a “legal standard” is worthless and writing these standards on the church door is irrelevant. Why? Because the New Covenant provision is to “put these laws in our mind” and “write them upon the heart” or the New Inner Man. These are the Kingdom Laws within the New Covenant provision. These are NOT enforced from without but “revealed and convinced” from within. This is the work of the Holy Spirit to dwell in us and to convince and to convict from within. To try to disciple a “church” without this New Covenant provision of the indwelling Holy Spirit and the Abiding Living Word of God is a frustrating and fruitless job. Why? Because, then you have to rely upon outward traditions, customs, rules, religion and human standards to “perfect” the church. This “tradition” has never been effective in developing the church into His likeness.

This “transformation of character,” that is essential to participate in the Kingdom Government of God, cannot be designed, enacted, defined or enforced by men. Salvation in the Kingdom Realm is extremely personal and becomes a personal responsibility. To attempt to transfer this responsibility to “the ministries” is really stupid. Ministries can only inform us of our need but are helpless to change us from what we are to what He is. Why? Each minister is dealing with his own defects, ego, religious status and character failures. The Holy Spirit has come to change both the ministries and the congregations to conform to the Image of His Son. The error of the ministry is to think they are beyond the need for discipline, correction and transformation. It is extremely important for each minister to develop the Kingdom Viewpoint just to become a minister of the New Covenant!

My point is this; This working out of our salvation is a working **out of us** all the factors not acceptable in the Kingdom and working **into us** all the character qualities of the Prototype Son. He is the standard of acceptance for the Kingdom dimension. Therefore, we are to grow up in ALL aspects into Christ.

Eph 4:15 but speaking the truth in love, **we are to grow up in all aspects into Him**, who is the head, *even* Christ,

To speak of salvation and then to ignore the requirement to grow up in all things into Christ and be conformed to His image is a serious mistake. This “transformation / change” is the very essence of “Kingdom Salvation.” Of course none of this makes sense if we still consider “forgiveness of sins” to be full or eternal salvation. In many places “salvation” has been reduced down to some human standards that vary from group to group. Why? The Kingdom standard seems to be offensive to the casual church person, whether they are in the pulpit or in the pew.

The general consensus seems to be that we cannot build a big church unless we reduce the requirements down to some “no cost” realm so we can be “saved” without any radical change in our life or in our life style. Just “say these words and believe this doctrine and be saved” is the acceptable but modified and emasculated “gospel of salvation” of this modern age. The fact that this “substitute gospel” may be a gross lie is not even considered by the modern theologian.

Their answer to these “Kingdom Demands” is this; “The God I know does not require anything except to believe. The God I know will NEVER throw anyone into the fires of hell except the devil and his angels. They ask, “why are we confident of that?” Because we have read that the whole world has already been reconciled to God and God has forgiven the sins of the whole world through Jesus Christ. The Bible is VERY clear about that aspect of grace”

2Cor 5:18 Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

“Since God has already forgiven the sins of the whole world, He certainly will not cast anyone into hell forever is the doctrine that we believe!”

If this is true then Jesus must have been deceived because He made hell real and a very dangerous possibility. For us to believe that our choice is either Salvation or hell is considered to be too radical. Many ask “But what about the multitudes that never heard the gospel?” The Book of Romans says that everybody knows because that knowledge is built into the creation of man. However, Paul says, that some just refuse to acknowledge God or be grateful.

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because **that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.** 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, **being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.** 21 **For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks;** but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Paul indicated that there is NO excuse for anyone NOT to believe in God and respond to Him with gratitude. Why? Because that knowledge is built into the creation of man so that everybody has an inner knowledge of God before they experience salvation. Each person has “light” but if they refuse to acknowledge God a darkness falls upon them. The “knowledge” is NOT salvation but the call to salvation. The “gift of salvation” comes to each person who will call upon the revealed God of creation. Even primitive tribes who have never heard the gospel still acknowledge and respond to the Creator God. Is that “salvation” for them? It seems obvious from what Paul said that this is preliminary to salvation. Of course God is Sovereign and receives those He chooses.

We also heard that testimony from some aboriginals from the Southern Highlands in New Guinea when we were there. Charles Lappa said that his grandfather, who was chief in their tribe, heard from God long before they had ever met a white man or heard about Jesus. He knew from God that there were another kind of people to the west of the Southern Highlands who would tell them about this God who lived above the earth. Even though he had never been there or knew of those people He sent his son to walk to the west until he found those people. That is how “salvation” came to that tribe many years ago. Our conclusion is that God is Sovereign and saves those whom He chooses.

In other words the “preaching of Salvation” is more of a confirmation, information and direction because everybody already knows. If everybody knows intuitively about God what IS the message that we are commissioned to preach? Our message should focus upon the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and His inner Government that is inherent within the New Covenant. To teach about the Kingdom but ignore the requirements of the Kingdom is a waste of time! Why? Because, all we are conveying is some information about the Kingdom but NOT the reality, the demands or the Life of the Kingdom. The doctrine of the Kingdom without the personal experience of the Kingdom is nearly worthless as a ministry activity. These abstract concepts about the Kingdom that are being written about in books and shared as messages are an exercise in futility because concepts and principles have no power to transform. It is for this reason that the Kingdom of God MUST become extremely personal and experiential. “Experiential” means that there is an actual obedience to the Laws of the Kingdom that are put within us as we experience the New Covenant provision. The “doctrine of the Kingdom” or the “philosophy of the Kingdom” that we hear preached is possibly not wrong but just worthless because it avoids the obedience to the inner Government of the Kingdom. It is this experiential inner Government that causes the Kingdom to become Life, Spirit and Truth as a Kingdom Reality which IS the essence of Kingdom Salvation! If we ignore the reality we arrive at a “religious kingdom” that is devoid of “Kingdom Salvation.” Obedience results in change, transformations, adjustments, revelations and the experience of the Holy Place Priesthood Ministry. Human discipleship is worthless in these realms of the Kingdom. It is for that reason that Jesus said “ it is to your advantage that I go away.”

John 16:7 “But I tell you the truth, **it is to your advantage that I go away**; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8 “And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you no longer behold Me; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. 12 **“I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.**

Since the New Covenant promises us “a New Spirit” and “the Holy Spirit” to dwell within us we should discover what that means to us personally and what this has to do with the Inner Kingdom of God. To be “born again” means that the Living and Abiding Word of God has come to dwell in us. This is the **“New Spirit”**, the Spirit of Christ! Our personal Pentecost is the provision and our invitation for the Holy Spirit to come to dwell in us. That experience is identified as the indwelling of **“MY SPIRIT”** in the promise! Then the Holy Spirit takes the things of the Spirit of Christ, the Living and Abiding Word of God, and reveals them (the Showbread) to us as an inner revelation. It IS the ministry of THAT Living Word which becomes the ministry FROM the Holy Place. This is the source of the ministry of Spirit, Life and Truth which is the STANDARD of the New Covenant Ministry! It is this specific ministry that is Eternally Effective in Preaching the Gospel of the Eternal Kingdom in the Power of the Spirit of the Kingdom. It may be that it IS this New Covenant Ministry that brings about the Kingdom Salvation that, at the moment, appears to be neglected and a great mystery.

Is it then possible to experience this Kingdom Salvation without knowing the doctrine of Kingdom Salvation or not having ever heard such a message? Yes! Why? Because, this

Kingdom Salvation is the standard of the New Covenant Experience which is far beyond any teaching or doctrine or message. Kingdom Salvation is an interior work that God begins within us causing the Kingdom to be experiential. An experiential growth into “Christ” is also an experiential growth into the Kingdom dimension. We cannot separate the King from the Kingdom.

Any church that is just being led by man can function independently of any Kingdom Demands. How do we know that? Because, that is exactly what we see any place we go. No Church that is being disciplined by the Lord Jesus Christ can be independent of the Kingdom Demands. How do we know that? Because we have read Revelation chapters 1- 2 and 3. He is NOT providing several options to the church He is building or offering any opportunity to be casual or lukewarm about their Christian experience. Either shape up or be vomited out is the Kingdom Message. Even though this “Gospel of the Kingdom” is far too radical for the lukewarm visible church this IS certainly the standard for the Kingdom Church He is Building.

The Kingdom is not primarily about what man will receive for himself but what God will realize for Himself through the redeemed and consecrated man who walks in obedience. This “fact” returns us back to the creation in Genesis 1. The creation was NOT man’s idea but God created man independently of the counsel, design, purpose or because of the will of man.

Job’s ideas about why man exists was acutely adjusted when God asked him where he was when God laid the foundations of the earth.

Job 38:1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, 2 “Who is this that darkens counsel By words without knowledge? 3 “Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you instruct Me! 4 “**Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?** Tell *Me*, if you have understanding, 5 Who set its measurements, since you know? Or who stretched the line on it? 6 “On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, 7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

There is a simple fact that God created EVERYTHING for Himself, including man. He did it all without man’s help or without man’s counsel. Therefore, we can confidently say that man is NOT the center of creation or the universe and everything was NOT created for man but man was created for God and His purpose. This reversing of purpose is the main failure of this gospel of salvation that is generally being preached because it makes man central. Even as God was offended by Job’s interpretation of creation so it appears that God is offended by this counterfeit gospel of salvation that is being preached. Why? Because it makes man the center of everything that Christ Jesus accomplished on Calvary. It ignores why Christ He died.

2Cor 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and **He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.**

Rom 14:7 **For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself;** 8 for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. 9 **For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the**

dead and of the living.

Why has God redeemed us? The modified gospel says so we can be saved, be blessed, be recipients of great rewards for believing in Jesus, be prosperous and go to that big vacation in heaven when we die. There we will be the King's Kids and enjoy the wealth of the universe and rule with Christ. This is called "the Good News." Even though this is "good doctrine" in the visible church that holds to the gospel of salvation, it becomes a "false doctrine" in the Gospel of the Kingdom.

In the Gospel of the Kingdom we discover that God saved us for His purpose and to fulfill His needs and to bring joy to His heart. In this Gospel of the Kingdom if you are worthless He will call you worthless, unproductive and without fruit for harvest and reject you from His Kingdom. In Kingdom Salvation we discover the reason He saved us. That is so we no longer live for OURSELVES but just for Him who died and rose again on our behalf. He has provided resurrection so we can fulfill God's essential Purpose in eternity. Without this necessary resurrection how will we fulfill the real reason for our salvation. Just ignoring the reality of God's Purpose for saving us becomes a fatal mistake in the Kingdom dimension.

Kingdom Salvation will slowly move us into the Divine viewpoint so we can begin to see from the Kingdom perspective. Why is this "slowly?" Because this Viewpoint comes through the growth of the New Inner Man. This is why Paul prayed that the eyes of the understanding (inner man) be enlightened so they could "see" into these eternal realms which certainly results in a Kingdom Viewpoint. Trying to see into the Kingdom Realm through an earth viewpoint of the natural man has not only been ineffective it has produced a distorted view of the new creation. This is exactly why Jesus shared the Kingdom by sharing parables. He spoke in parables because they had natural eyes to see in the earth dimension but they were blind in the eternal dimension of the Kingdom.

Mat 13:44 "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field. 45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, 46 and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

We may ask ourselves if we really know what the intrinsic value of the Kingdom is in its Eternal Dimension. The problem is that this tremendous value is hidden from us in the earth/ field dimension. However, when we finally discover the reality and the hidden value of the Kingdom we will not fail to pay any price to buy that eternal treasure. From this viewpoint, what ever other treasure we have accumulated in the earth realm has now lost its value and we are willing to give up everything else just to obtain this great eternal value!

Mat 13:47 "Again, the **kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet** cast into the sea, and **gathering fish of every kind**; 48 and when it was filled, they drew it up on the beach; and they sat down, and **gathered the good fish into containers**, but **the bad they threw away**. 49 "So it will be at the end of the age; the angels shall come forth, and take out the wicked from among the righteous, 50 and **will cast them into the furnace of fire; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

If we finally understood the seriousness of the Kingdom and the few are truly accepted into that dimension we would go through any humility and preparation necessary to be included in that “good fish” group. Even though some called “bad fish” were totally rejected and cast into the furnace of fire we could hardly criticize the ones who sorted out the “good fish” who were gathered into the Kingdom. Once you are caught in the net you can never get out of the net! However, this Kingdom Concept will never fit into this counterfeit gospel of salvation that suggests that God MUST accept anyone who accepts Jesus as personal Savior. God has already established the standards for His Kingdom out of His absolute Sovereignty and He is not subject to our doctrines or our opinions of who He should accept. Anyone who does not measure up to His standards are cast into the furnace of fire. At that time I am sure there will be loud objections from the many fundamental pastors who have lied to their congregations about how secure they are in their counterfeit salvation.

We get no joy from scaring people or to cause them to doubt about their salvation but we feel it is a good service to people to alert them to what is real and what is fantasy. The Kingdom is **not** what the visible church has made it out to be! It is established that Kingdom Salvation is certainly not as cheap and easy as what is implied by what has been preached.

Mat 25:24 “And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no *seed*. 25 ‘And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground; see, you have what is yours.’ 26 “But his master answered and said to him, ‘You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I scattered no *seed*. 27 ‘Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my *money* back with interest. 28 **‘Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.’** 29 “For to everyone who has shall *more* be given, and he shall have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. 30 **“And cast out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”**

The “worthless servant” needs to be interpreted from the meaning of “servant.” It is very clear that the Kingdom is not an emotional place and it does not operate by pity. It doesn’t even present itself as “fair” and equal or even balanced by earth standards. It is what it is and there can be no negotiation for a better deal. The Kingdom is not even long suffering, gentle, merciful or forgiving. It places very strict demands upon everyone who will participate in that Eternal Government. The religious crooks and those who take bribes are cast either into outer darkness or into the furnace of fire. The Kingdom makes no distinctions between those who sit in the pew or those who stand in the pulpit. All come under the same requirements, standards and discipline.

‘Therefore, Jesus’ counsel is that if you are **not going to qualify** for the Kingdom make friends with those who are going to hell so that when you arrive you will have friends there.

Luke 16:3 “And the steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg. 4 ‘I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the stewardship, they will receive me into their

homes.’ 5 “And he summoned each one of his master’s debtors, and he *began* saying to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ 6 “And he said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ 7 “Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He *said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ 8 **“And his master praised the unrighteous steward because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of this age are more shrewd in relation to their own kind than the sons of light. 9 “And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the mammon of unrighteousness; that when it fails, they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.**

If this Gospel of the REAL Kingdom was preached with clarity, the ones who are lukewarm and casual have to decide what kind of servant do I want to be. If I am NOT going to pay the price of the Kingdom I might as well quit paying my tithe and eat, drink and make Mary, and some new friends, because none of this religious stuff is going to help me in eternity. Focusing upon sports and recreation makes much more sense because I can make more friends there with my same viewpoint and destiny. Since this “steward” was in the Master’s employ it is foolish to make this about “saved” or “unsaved.” Everything is **NOT** about “saved” or “unsaved” as the two only possibilities. This is focused solely upon the Kingdom of God and how it works.

If we just ignore the Kingdom and its demands how will we ever know what offends God and what causes Him to reject us. The Lord Jesus Christ, the Prototype Son, is the visible example of a Kingdom person and how the Kingdom person will fulfill the plan and purpose of God. Of course He emphasized that this Kingdom will include our personal cross and some very serious adjustments but the alternative is to be a worthless servant without the Father’s approval. Even the “servant of the Master” that fails to be honest and productive will end up in hell. The tree that produces no fruit is cast into the fire. Anyone who does NOT do the will of God is prevented from participation in the Kingdom. The servant that did not multiply what he was given (loaned) was cast into Outer Darkness.

Each of these parables reveal some aspect of the Kingdom that seems very costly and demanding and appears to conflict with the pulpit preaching that we hear. Now each of us should decide which “gospel” we can accept and obey. If we could take a vote among the visible churches to decide which gospel is correct, it is certain that the Kingdom message will be rejected and this popular modified gospel will win a resounding victory. This is amazing because we have so many verses and facts about the Kingdom and its demands and so few that agree with this modified gospel of salvation. The “gospel of the bargains”, the “gospel of the half-priced sale,” the “gospel of the give-a- ways,” and the “gospel of prosperity” are designed as a man centered gospel that “blesses man” and solves man’s eternal problems but ignores God’s reasons for creation or what will bring joy to His heart. This counterfeit gospel hides the fact that many religious persons are rejected from the Kingdom even though they are “stewards or servants” or “trees without fruit in the orchard” of God. This human “gospel of man’s entitlements” is more a Christian philosophy based upon **humanism** rather than upon the Living and Abiding Word of God.

humanism >noun 1 a rationalistic system of thought attaching prime importance to human rather than divine or supernatural matters. 2 a Renaissance cultural movement which turned

away from medieval scholasticism and revived interest in ancient Greek and Roman thought.

Some of the recent “movements” like the “Gospel of Prosperity” are humanistic in their content yet thousands have been deceived by this “counterfeit” and have lost their direction. They were told and some still believe that God’s sole purpose is to meet their financial needs and make them prosperous “so the world will know.” The “prophetic movement” focused too much upon the human aspect of Christianity and man’s blessing, influence and interests. Humanism (man’s interests over God’s interests) is an open door for the devil and his lies.

Mat 16:22 And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “God forbid *it*, Lord! This shall never happen to You.” 23 But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! **You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.**” 24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 “For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it.

When Peter drifted into humanism he was immediately warned and rebuked because Satan had access to the counsel that was giving. This indicates how this perverted “gospel” has drifted into humanism and was exposed to the influence of the devil’s lies. It was so easy for the devil to distort this truth of eternal, Kingdom salvation. All he had to do was turn it into a man centered focus and emphasize “man’s entitlements” and how man is the center of the universe and the object of God’s blessings and the recipients of eternal glory.

Of course, we could just watch television or listen to the Christian radio for a day and man’s great need will be the man centered message. It is obvious that humanism and man’s need and blessing, emerging out of the earth viewpoint, will be central to the message that is heard. Somewhere in the message we will hear about the minister’s plans and the money we need to send for him to complete this great commission and get the “gospel” out. Hungry souls all over the world are just waiting for his message to meet their need. If we don’t send the money thousands will just drift into hell and it will be our fault.

Nearly every plea for funds that I receive are to meet some need of man somewhere in the world system. Some pleas are about getting clean water, some about freeing girls from the sex trade or paying off ransom debt or airfare to take the gospel to dark countries etc. However, man is the center of most every plea and God’s Purpose or the increase of His Kingdom Government is never mentioned. Why? This “strange gospel” has drifted into nearly a total humanism and man’s interest.

You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s

Is it possible that such a simple thing as man’s interests can be so offensive to the Lord. Would God actually be offended if we just put man’s interests ahead of God’s interest? If He would be offended by that then we can be assured that God IS offended by this “gospel of humanism” that is being presented as the “Good News.” Jesus was able to testify that everything He did was not from His own interests but that He always did the will of His Father. He did nothing on His own

initiative. He didn't come to do His own will but just to please the Father.

His Life, attitude, disposition, character and humble example becomes the "Gospel of The Kingdom" in practical and experiential terms that most can recognize and understand. His Life is a more powerful message than what we hear preached. Why? Because His Life becomes the message of the Kingdom to every generation and every culture.

All "truth" that is attached to this earth and the visible realm is transitory, variable, unstable and subject to our culture, traditions and religious concepts. This "gospel truth" of the visible realm can even become political, carnal, humanistic, foolish and deceiving. It seems that is the reason that this "gospel" we hear is so far from the Absolute Truth that has its only source in the "Ultimate Absolute" Himself, whom is the almighty God.

This "Ultimate Truth" begins in the eternal realms of the Sovereign God and it conveys and explains God's Ultimate Purpose and His Ultimate Plan to achieve the Ultimate Truth in the lives of men. To speak of the Ultimate Truth becoming experiential in man is a concept from another realm. This kind of concept cannot originate in the earth dimension. Why? It appears to be so impossible that it is inconceivable in the mind of natural man. Ultimate Truth becoming experiential in man can only be the work of the Ultimate Creator. This concept cannot fit into the brain / mind of the human man. Therefore, we must become a totally New Creation with a renewed mind created by the Ultimate Creator in order to embrace such a foolish notion as Ultimate Truth. This can only come to us by revelation and can only be known in the invisible realm of the Spirit.

It is for that reason that certain realities and eternal truths concerning the Eternal Kingdom of God can never be publically preached. This is the reason that Jesus told His disciples that He had many more things to say to them but He could NOT at that time. Why? They could not receive them yet! They must wait for the Holy Spirit to arrive because it is He who will bring this realm and dimension of Truth to you by revelation. How? **He was with you but now He will be in you.** That means the revelation will be in the New Inner Man who IS Spirit and can relate to and communicate with the Holy Spirit. The "Ultimate Revelation" is inherent within the Living and Abiding Word of God that is the "Ultimate Source and Creator" of the New Inner Man. These both (Word and Spirit) are from the same Father and are totally compatible with each other. Both the Eternal Sperma and the New Inner Man, who is the result of the Sperma, has originated with the Ultimate Father. In this realm there is no limitation to the Ultimate Knowledge of the Ultimate Kingdom that can only be revealed by the Ultimate Revelator, the Holy Spirit. Of course this can ONLY sound like the ultimate hyperbole to natural ears.

Therefore, it is necessary to speak in parables. For example; We could say that the Kingdom is like a trampoline that we jump on and each time we rise up to temporary heights for a moment and in that split second we see into a new realm but then we descend without an ability to say what we saw.

These moments then touch realms of Salvation far beyond the realms of forgiveness of sins. These are the realms that John is speaking about in 1 John 1 or that Paul is writing about in Colossians, the first chapter. Also, John the revelator saw into this realm and many scriptures

were recorded from that realm. This is where THE REAL Grace and Salvation, which IS A PERSON, is revealed.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus; 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Paul saw into this realm for a moment and was given the ability to record what he saw. This also must have happened briefly in about every epistle that he recorded.

In the context of what he recorded in Titus 2 we could say; (verse 12) “**He IS**” instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age! It is NOT Paul who is instructing us. This “instruction” goes far beyond hearing a pulpit message or attending a meeting or reading a verse. This “instruction” is happening in the new inner man and is coming directly from the indwelling Word of God by the indwelling Holy Spirit. Again, from the context, we should understand that this **IS Salvation from the Kingdom viewpoint**. In that moment of vision, from the Kingdom realm, we see that “the grace of God” is NOT a thing but a Person who has appeared. How will it ever be possible to form an orthodox doctrine from that Eternal Truth which is acceptable to the visible church?

This becomes a big problem to overcome within the “systems of the visible church.” They are limited to logic, doctrines, religious concepts, tradition and the limitation of their religious training. The New Covenant provision is experienced in quite another and higher realm. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is NOT “imparted” from the ministry realm. How do I know that?

Luke 3:15 Now while the people were in a state of expectation and all were wondering in their hearts about John, as to whether he might be the Christ, 16 John answered and said to them all, “As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire**. 17 “And His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Jesus’ job is to “**baptize us with the Holy Spirit and fire**” with the Holy Spirit being the FIRE. Then He, the Holy Spirit, has His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but **He will burn up the chaff** with unquenchable fire.”

What has any of that to do with our “salvation?” This is the question that is asked by thousands. We can answer with a question. What relationship has the wheat to the chaff? The wheat and the chaff are harvested together in one operation. AFTER they are harvested is when the separation begins, which is called “threshing.” Even though these were harvested together the wheat is gathered into His barns and are “saved.” The chaff is not accepted into “barn / salvation” and is burned up. It is this aspect of Kingdom Salvation that has been ignored by the visible church. The “Baptism in the Holy Spirit” is the experience where this “process” of the elimination of the

chaff begins. Is the “chaff” within the believer or without? Is the “chaff” other believers who do not qualify? Since we don’t know we must leave that up to the individual to judge their own experience. How?

Have you been or are you being “baptized in fire?” The scriptures say “Baptized in fire” not “possibly Baptized fire.” If this means individually “baptized in fire” then each of us should be experiencing the “elimination of the chaff.” Why? God has no purpose for the “chaff” in His Kingdom Government. Then what is the destiny of Chaff, whether personal or corporate? Elimination by fire! “He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor” is a Kingdom message because certain things will be rejected from the Kingdom without pity, emotion or compassion. Stumbling blocks and liars will be removed. “Fire” become the cleansing factor for the harvest. The “FIRE” can be now or later. From the Kingdom viewpoint it is better to experience it now!

Therefore, we conclude that “salvation” must be related to the whole of God’s Eternal Purpose rather than to heaven or hell. Of course both heaven and hell are real but not the single focus of “salvation” as is being taught. God seeks to raise man up into the eternal realms so he can adapt to God’s Eternal Viewpoint. “The Adam man” seeks to bring God down into this earth realm to bless man and to meet man’s needs. Man wants to know “What is in this for me? How can I benefit from salvation? Just tell me if this will help me, provide for me, or make me prosperous! If there is no personal benefit for me now, why should I bother about any of this?”

The “Evangelist” responds; Well if that is what is being asked let be find some scriptures to answer these questions and prove this is all about man and to meet man’s great need. The “Kingdom response” to this is this; Whether man is happy or not or if his needs are met or not is totally irrelevant. Salvation is all about God and His Eternal Purpose. Man should focus upon if God is happy or not and how can I become acceptable to Him.

These two viewpoints will define the church in the next restoration. The two churches will of course have two viewpoints. The Church that He is Building will have the Kingdom Viewpoint and focus upon doing the whole will of God. The church that men are building will hold to a man centered gospel and to man’s blessing and how we can get God to do our will and provide for us and answer our prayer. The ultimate question of the earth man (made of earth) will always be “WHAT IS IN THIS FOR ME?”

None of what we see in this current church system is slowing down the decline of the visible church! From the Kingdom Viewpoint “decline” is not even an option. Starting a new program or trying to restore an expectation though a revival of this failed system will once again fail. Why? It has NOTHING to do with God or His Eternal Purpose. It is NOT the product of the Living and Abiding Word of God and it is Not what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church He is building. We are not advocating a new utopian system or some mystical solution to the disgraceful condition of the visible church. The solution to Kingdom Salvation is simply to restore the Gospel of the Kingdom to the church and make known its demands. Without the Kingdom reality another “FAITH EXPLOSION” or another meeting on “ THE DOCTRINE OF

THE END TIME” will be a big waste of time, money and effort.