

The Good News of the Kingdom of God

Study #1

Q: What does the Kingdom of God mean to you?

Q: How has the good news of the Kingdom of God affected the way you think and/or the way you live?

Q: Why is the Kingdom of God “good news”?

Read [Matt. 9:35](#)

*“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the **good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.**” (NIV)*

The Greek word translated “good news” or “Gospel” is “*euangelion*”.

- According to Holman Treasury, “euangelion” was originally used to describe the “good news” of a military victory.

The word Jesus used when He said “kingdom”, was the Greek word “*basileia*”.

- It means “*region or country governed by a King*”. **The Kingdom of God is a real kingdom with a real King!**

Q #1: Why would Jesus use this military word to describe the Kingdom of God?

- [Matt. 6:9-10](#) “*your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*”

Q #2: Why did Jesus heal “every disease and sickness” when He was telling people about the Kingdom?

- [Matt 12:28-29](#); [Luke 22:53](#); [Acts 26:18](#); [Col. 1:13](#); [Eph. 6:12](#)

Read [Col. 1:12-14](#)

*“... giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to **share in the inheritance** of his holy people in **the kingdom of light**.¹³ For he has rescued us from **the dominion of darkness** and brought us into **the kingdom of the Son he loves**,¹⁴ in whom we have **redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**” (NIV)*

Q #3: Paul mentions two kingdoms that are in opposition to each other. What are they and how do they affect us?

Q: #4: Why is the Kingdom of God such “Good News”?

- [Acts 3:21](#); [Romans 8:21](#); [Rev. 21:5](#); [2Cor. 5:17](#); [Matt. 5:5](#)
- <http://www.icr.org/article/sharing-inheritance/>

TRUTH TO REMEMBER: God is setting things right through His Kingdom!

In our next study, we’ll look at the “back story” of the Gospel. Understanding the Good News of God’s Kingdom in the context of God’s story will help us understand where we are in the story, and how God plans to finish His story! We’ll look at what God created the earth to be like in the beginning, how the Dominion of Darkness got control of the earth, and what that means for us.

Notes:

Q #1: Why would Jesus use this military word to describe the Kingdom of God?

- He probably used a military word because the Kingdom of God is coming to earth as an invasion... similar to Allied troops landing at Normandy on D-Day.
- God's Kingdom is a real Kingdom that has been coming to earth and advancing since the day the King – Jesus – arrived! (**Matt. 2:2**; **Luke 17:20-21**; **Mark 15:2**; **John 18:37**)

Q #2: Why did Jesus heal “every disease and sickness” when He was telling people about the Kingdom?

- He was demonstrating God's power to set things right (which is what the Kingdom of God is all about – **Matt 12:28-29**) and His power over the kingdom that was in charge at that time (**Luke 22:53**; **Acts 26:18**; **Col. 1:13**; **Eph. 6:12**).

Q #3: Paul mentions two kingdoms that are in opposition to each other. What are they and how do they affect us? Why is the Kingdom of light such “Good News”?

- What are the 2 kingdoms?
 1. The “*kingdom of light*” (**vs. 12**) or the “*kingdom of the Son*” (**vs. 13**), which are other names for the “Kingdom of God”.
 - The Gospel of Matthew sometimes calls it the “Kingdom of Heaven” (**Matt. 19:23-24**), but they are all the same Kingdom.
 - The “*dominion of darkness*”. (**vs. 13**)
 - The “Dominion of Darkness” is the opposite of the “Kingdom of Light”.
- How do they affect us?
 - The Dominion of Darkness dominates people and keeps them in the dark, so they can't see what is really going on.
 - In the light, you can see what is happening; but in the dark, you're clueless!

Q #4: Why is the Kingdom of God such “Good News”?

- God is making all things new, restoring what is broken in our world!
 - **Acts 3:21** God's ultimate plan is to restore “*all things*”.
 - **Romans 8:21** God's plan to restore “*all things*” includes the earth and cosmos... everything He created.
 - **Rev. 21:5** Jesus is still in the process of making “all things new.”
- We can experience that restoration by becoming a part of His Kingdom!
 - **2Cor. 5:17** Anyone who is “in Christ” is part of the new creation that has already begun!
- Not only that, but God is offering us an inheritance as part of His new creation!
 - **Matt. 5:5** “*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*” (NIV)
 - For more info on inheritance see: <http://www.icr.org/article/sharing-inheritance/>