

THE KINGDOM OF GOD PART 3
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INTRODUCTION

- Last week we talked about the message of the Kingdom, our decisions and our destiny.
- Today we will cover your identity and the Kingdom.
- Matthew 4:23, “Jesus traveled throughout Galilee teaching in the synagogues, preaching everywhere the good news about the Kingdom. And He healed people who had every kind of sickness and disease.”

I. YOUR IDENTITY AND THE KINGDOM

- Proverbs 23:7a, “For as a man thinks of himself so he is...”
- Identity of the Kingdom - A child of the King
- Most of us formulate our identity from the outside-in.
- Spiritual people are formed from the inside out.
- You are a son/daughter of the King, royalty - I Peter 2:9-10
- Our Father is a king and He delegates His royalty and authority to us.
- Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV, Then God said, “Let us make man in our image...let them have dominion...”
- This dominion extends only as far as man obeys God.
- Genesis 3 - Describes man’s fall and disobedience as well as the loss of his dominion or authority.

II. DAVID AND THE KINGDOM

- David was the greatest king Israel ever had.
- At the beginning of his life David was a warrior. God remade his identity into a man of God.
- David lost authority after his fall. He lost dominion authority. He was still king, but His authority waned.
- David and the kingdom - I Chronicles 29:10-16
- Vs. 12 - “It lies in your hand to make great...”
- To change us from who we are to who we are destined to become, children of the King.
- David’s whole identity came from his Heavenly Father.

III. HOW DOES HE TRANSFORM US?

- The King and the Kingdom most often move quietly and slowly.
- Matthew 13:31-32 - God moves to enlarge you - to transform you from a taker to a giver.
- Luke 13:20-21, “To what shall I compare the Kingdom of God? It is like leaven...”
- Leaven moves quietly and thoroughly to transform the bread, just as His Spirit moves quietly and thoroughly to transform people.
- Luke 17:21 - Jesus taught the Kingdom begins within us.
- Mark 1:9-10 – At the baptism of Jesus:
1st - He received revelation - “Heaven opened up”
2nd - He received identity - “My Son”
3rd - He received the Spirit - “The Spirit descended upon Him”
- We all need these three things if we are to be Kingdom people.
- The first thing Satan did with Jesus in the wilderness was challenge His identity – “If you are the Son of God”

IV. THE POWER OF THE KINGDOM

- You live in what Galatians 1:4 calls, “The present evil age.”
- Hebrews 6:5-6 tells us we have a foretaste of heaven.
- It is the power of the Holy Spirit working within us.
- Kingdom living begins with Kingdom thinking.
- Romans 12:2, “...do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”
- I Peter 4:1, “Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind...”
- It is His Kingdom in our thinking that in turn will alter our actions and our responses.

CLOSE

- Many of us struggle with our thought lives. Surrendering to the King is the beginning of transforming your identity.