THE KINGDOM OF GOD PART 7
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INTRODUCTION

- Last week we talked about the character of the Kingdom.
- Today the rule, the realm, and the reign of the Kingdom.

I. THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE KINGDOM

- Rule = Exercise of kingdom life, power, authority - to extend the right of the King.
- Realm = The space that God is given in my life.
  - Colossians 1:27, "…Christ in you the hope of glory."
  - Jesus coming alive in people and doing what only Jesus can do in people.
- Reign = The King - The person and His power.
  - The Reign, God is inviting us into the reign in intimacy with Him.
  - Revelation 20:4, "I saw thrones…And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus…They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

II. A NEW REIGN OF LIFE

- Jesus brought an end to the reign of sin and a beginning of the reign of God.
- Romans 5:12-15, "Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people…[15] But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!"
- Romans 5:12-21 - God reworked His reign.
- Even as sin reigned in death even more so Christ reigns in us.
- This is the Kingdom of God reigning, breaking the stranglehold. God reversing the curse.
- God has bound Himself to us.

III. THE GRACE OF THE KINGDOM

- Vs.12 - Sin entered through a man. We had the authority, and we gave it away.
- Easter was bringing us back under His covering - His rulership.
- Agree with God when you fail and don't feel bad. No condemnation.
- Conviction is specific. Condemnation is general.
- When you sin confess it – I John 1:9

IV. THE RULE AND REIGN OF GRACE

- How do you reign with Christ? By His grace.
- The increase of the Kingdom takes place when we surrender to Him in us and moving through us.
- Vs. 21 - He will give you the indwelling power to live – grace.
- Vs. 17 - We will reign through the One!
- We are kings and priests - I Peter 2:9
- Romans 14:16-17, "…the Kingdom of God is … righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."
- Righteousness is Him righting things in us and between us and Him and through us.

V. THE RULE OF THE KINGDOM

- The rule is the call of allegiance to the King of the universe.
- Rulers influence kingdoms, they take on their nature, as the Kingdom of God should do in us, as we allow the King to reign.
- The parables of Luke 15 all speak of a Father/King who cares for His Kingdom people.
- You would rejoice!! When the lost are found.
- The robe, the sandal and the ring are all about authority.
- Lost things getting found is the King's heart and is supposed to be our heart.
- We have in many ways lost our way.

CLOSE

- Revelations 11:17, "We give thanks to You, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign."