

Series: The Gospel of Mark
"The Message of Jesus" # 4
Mark 1:14-15
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Here we have the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus after His baptism, after His temptation, and after John the Baptist was put in prison (1:9-13).

v. 14b- He begins to preach [proclaim, herald] the gospel of the kingdom.

TT- What was the message Jesus preached? What is the message we are to preach today?

Three words drive these two verses-

1. The gospel of the Kingdom.
2. Repent
3. Believe

I. The Gospel of the Kingdom (v. 14).

Q- What do we mean by the kingdom of God?

1. The Ruler of the Kingdom.

"Kingdom" is a word used by Jews and stressed the idea of rule or dominion, not a geographical area surrounded by boundaries.

Thayer says it involves the right or authority to rule over a kingdom. It involves the reign of Jesus Christ.

2. A spiritual kingdom.

This is not a physical kingdom but one that is spiritual. The kingdom of God in our hearts by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

John 18:35-37, Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? (36) Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. (37) Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

Rom. 14:17, For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

3. The visible church.

The redeemed souls are in the visible body of Christ who God is sovereign. This constitutes the kingdom of God on earth.

Col. 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

4. The future literal kingdom.

There is a 1,000 year kingdom promised to Israel thru King David.

Turn to 2 Sam. 7:12-14

Matt 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

v. 15- Jesus proclaimed the coming kingdom calling people to repent and believe.

The kingdom of God is both present and future. God rules in the hearts of men, in His church, and at His second coming.

I. The Gospel of the Kingdom (v. 14).

II. Repentance (v. 15).

Q- What does repentance mean?

Repentance is not just sorrow over sin but the changed life that results from true Godly repentance. Conviction, repentance, and faith make up conversion.

W.E. Vine defines repentance as a changed mind about our sin, the Savior. We turn from Sin to faith in God.

Lost people are called to hear the gospel, the Holy Spirit will convict them, then enable them to repent and belief. The Bible speaks of these as a gift.

They must be presented with the truth because God uses the truth to bring conviction.

Turn to John 16:7-13

The second part of conversion is faith.

III. Belief (v. 15).

Q- What does it mean to believe in Jesus?

Biblical faith means to trust, to rely on, to have confidence in. We place faith alone in the work of Jesus Christ for our salvation. Salvation and faith are supernatural and it must be in a supernatural person.

We believe the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-3).

Have you ever understood you are a sinner and put your faith in Jesus Christ? You can't reign with Him till He reigns in you!