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The Kingdom of God

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There is much discussion and questions amongst the disciples of Christ as to what is the Kingdom of God. This issue of “Joy in the Morning” is written to bring clarity and understanding to this question. So, what is the Kingdom of God? The Kingdom of God also called the kingdom of heaven refers to the reign of God over all creation. His kingdom is made of those who have accepted the free gift of salvation, by dying to the concepts of the old sin nature and by faith experience the new birth in Christ. The kingdom is inclusive of the following concepts:

1. **Divine Rule and Sovereignty:** He is operating with all power and the citizens of His kingdom walk in submission and obedience to His authority.
2. **Righteousness and Justice Prevails:** In the full manifestation of His kingdom all of the elements of sin, the power, penalty and presence have no place in His kingdom. Righteousness and Justice is the mindset of the king and the citizens of His kingdom.

3. **Love and Compassion:** Because the mandate of the kingdom is to love God and love your neighbor the spirit of being self cannot exist in the presence of agape love.

4. **Peace and Harmony:** As it was before the fall, His kingdom embraces the same peace and harmony that was prevalent then.

5. **Unity and Oneness:** The connectivity that was present at creation is again made alive by the finished works of Jesus.

6. **Holiness and Purity:** Refers to the state of mankind who had holiness and purity by being created in the sameness and likeness in the image of God.

7. **Humility and Servanthood:** This a vital characteristic of a disciple; Jesus even said the greatest in His kingdom is a servant.

8. **Faith and Trust:** The kingdom is created by the Word, and faith comes by hearing God's word, and without faith it's impossible to please Him.

9. **Eternal Life:** Those who live in Him, believe in Him will not perish but have eternal life. The essence of believing in Him is submission and obedience to His Word.

10. **Transformation and Renewal:** The citizens of His kingdom have sacrificed on the alter the attributes of the old man's sinful nature, and made ready for the kingdom with a new mind.

The Kingdom of God has come and has been made available by the finished works of Jesus, the full manifestation will be available at His second coming. He will come for His citizens, His children,

His church, because of faith in Jesus will “not have a wrinkle or spot or any such thing”.