



## 5 MINUTE LESSONS ON THE KINGDOM OF GOD

# Let's Get Our Message Straight

**1** The proclamation of the gospel of the Kingdom was the only gospel preached by Jesus (Mark 1:14-15), John the Baptist (Luke 16:16), commissioned to the twelve (Luke 9:1-6; Mark 6:7-13), then to the seventy sent out by Christ (Luke 10:1-12, 16), Peter (Acts 2; 2 Peter 1:10-11), Philip (Acts 8:5-8, 12), the apostle Paul (Acts 14:19-22; 19:8-10; 20:20-27; 28:23-31), James (James 2:5), John (Revelation 1:9; John 3) and all Christians throughout the end of the age (Matthew 24:14). Within that message is the proclamation of Jesus as Lord and King and his redemptive work (Romans 10:9-10).

**2** And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations (Luke 24:47).

**3** Then they that gladly received his word were baptized... And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine... (Acts 2:41-42).

**4** Jesus said, "Follow Me!" (Luke 9:23).

If one were to suggest that the time would come when a group of evangelical Christians would be arguing for a salvation without repentance, without a change of behavior or lifestyle, without a real avowal of the lordship and authority of Christ, without perseverance, without discipleship, and a salvation which does not necessarily result in obedience and works, and with a regeneration which does not necessarily change one's life, most believers of several decades ago would have felt such would be an absolute impossibility. But believe it or not, the hour has come. (Richard P. Belcher).

The terrible thing is that so many preachers today, under the pretense of magnifying the grace of God, have represented Christ as the Minister of sin; as One who has through His atoning sacrifice, procured an indulgence for men to continue gratifying their fleshly and worldly lust.

Provided a man professes to believe in the virgin birth and vicarious death of Christ... Those preachers who tell sinners they may be saved without forsaking their idols, without repenting, without surrendering to the Lordship of Christ are as erroneous and dangerous as others who insist that salvation is by works and that Heaven must be earned by our own efforts (Arthur Pink). Any professed faith in Christ as personal Saviour that does not bring the life under plenary obedience to Christ as Lord is inadequate and must betray its victim at the last (John MacArthur).

**Something to think about:** A.W. Tozer states, *Now, it seems odd that none of these teachers ever noticed that the only true object of saving faith is none other than Christ Himself; not the “saviourhood” of Christ nor the “lordship” of Christ, but Christ Himself. God does not offer salvation to the one who will believe on one of the offices of Christ, nor is an office of Christ ever presented as an object of faith. Neither are we exhorted to believe on the atonement, nor on the cross, nor on the priesthood of the Saviour. All of these are embodied in the person of Christ, but they are never separated nor is one ever isolated from the rest. Much less are we permitted to accept one of Christ’s offices and reject another. The notion that we are so permitted is a modern day heresy, I repeat, and like every heresy it has had evil consequences among Christians.*

## Questions

**1** Read Matthew 24:14.

*“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” - Matthew 24:14*

How can anyone profess they are proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom without calling men to accept God’s Rule and Reign?

**2** Read Luke 9:23.

*“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.” - Luke 9:23*

Read Mark 6:12.

*“And they went out, and preached that men should repent.” - Mark 6:12*

Jesus call was for men to:

- A. Repent & Follow Me! (Luke 9:23 & Mark 6:12)
- B. Ask Jesus into your heart. (No Scripture)
- C. Repeat this prayer after me. (No Scripture)

**3** Read Matthew 6:33.

*“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” - Matthew 6:33*

Jesus said:

- A. We must seek first the Kingdom of God (His Rule & His Reign!)
- B. Let's eat, drink and be merry.
- C. Let's go fishing.

**4** Read Acts 3:19.

*“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;”  
- Acts 3:19*

If you want to be converted you must:

- A. Repeat this prayer after me.
- B. Repent
- C. Go to catechism class.

**We want to hear from you!**

We would love to hear your feedback on these lessons and how you use them in your own study or in discipling others. If you have any thoughts, stories, testimonies, comments, or questions we would love to hear them!

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## Answer Key

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**Think about this question.**

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**Repentance is a change of heart, a change of mind that turns people from darkness, to light, from the authority of Satan to the authority of God and reaches out to receive God's forgiveness by His grace (Acts 26:17-20).**