



Living in the Kingdom

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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Cor. 5:17-21

The New Has Come

- New person.
- New King to serve.
- New Kingdom to live in.
- New family to live with.
- New purpose to live for.

“The story of the Bible is about God’s will for, and rule of, the realms He has created, visible and invisible, through the imagers He has created, human and nonhuman. This divine agenda is played out in both realms, in deliberate tandem. On earth as it is in heaven!” Michael Heiser

Our New Kingdom Purpose: Christ’s Ambassadors

- Ambassadors in the Roman World
 - Two Types of Roman provinces
 1. Senate controlled – peaceful, with no troops stationed.
 2. Emperor controlled – turbulent with troops stationed. Assigned an ambassador to speak for the emperor.
 - The ambassador speaks for the emperor with the emperor’s full authority.
 - The ambassador lives among foreign people to bring peaceful assimilation into the Roman kingdom.
 - The honor of the sending country is in the hands of the ambassador.
- Christ’s Ambassadors
 - We represent King Jesus on earth: Where we are, the Kingdom of God is.
 - Our task is to function in the Name of King Jesus: Reconcile people to the King.
 - We must retain the culture and nature of heaven to be effective on earth.
 - The honor of King Jesus is in our hands.

“Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The Kingdom of God does not come visibly, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is.’ Because the kingdom of God is within you.” Luke 17:20-21

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