



### I. REVIEW/INTRO

A. Here we are

**Matthew 6:10 (NIV) your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

- If you don't know or believe that God is "here," you won't live like God is "here," and if you don't live like God is "here," no one else will know that God is "here"
- God doesn't just want us to get to heaven, He wants to expand His Kingdom on the Earth

B. The security of "things"

**Matthew 6:33 (NIV) But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

**2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV) So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.**

C. Change your thinking, change your world

**Matthew 4:17 (AMP) From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent [change your inner self —your old way of thinking, regret past sins, live your life in a way that proves repentance; seek God's purpose for your life], for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."**

### II. EVERY KINGDOM HAS ...

- A. This Kingdom has a king
- A king has final authority

**Proverbs 29:18 (NLT) When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful.**

**Proverbs 29:18 (AMP) Where there is no vision [no revelation of God and His word], the people are unrestrained; But happy *and* blessed is he who keeps the law [of God].**

- B. This kingdom has a people
- God's not willing that any should perish

**2 Corinthians 5:17-18a (TLB) When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun! All these new things are from God who brought us back to himself through what Christ Jesus did...**

- We are representing an invisible God who is always HERE, to a culture that will only believe what it sees and feels



**2 Corinthians 5:18-19 (TLB) All these new things are from God who brought us back to himself through what Christ Jesus did. And God has given us the privilege of urging everyone to come into his favor and be reconciled to him. For God was in Christ, restoring the world to himself, no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out. This is the wonderful message he has given us to tell others.**

C. This Kingdom has citizens

**Philippians 3:20 (NIV) But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,**

- Citizenship gives you the rights, privileges, responsibilities, and protection of that country
- Citizens adopt the culture and practices of the nation or kingdom to which they belong

D. This Kingdom has ambassadors

- An ambassador represents the interests of his home country in a foreign land

**2 Corinthians 5:20 (TLB) We are Christ's ambassadors. God is using us to speak to you: we beg you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, receive the love he offers you—be reconciled to God.**

- I don't represent me, I represent the Kingdom of God

E. This Kingdom has embassies

### III. THE EMBASSY OF JOY

A. We are to be a place that represents the king

B. A kingdom is expanded when new territory is taken

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