

# KINGDOM OF GOD

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH????

- God is in and of Himself **ETERNAL**
- God is in and of Himself eternally the **SOVEREIGN {ABSOLUTE POWER + AUTHORITY}**
- God was/is/will always be the **KING** of all kings
- God is the **CREATOR** of all that was/is/ever will be – **EVERYTHING** ultimately has its being from God {out of/derivative from}
- God is Eternally Sovereign over **everything**
- There is a biblical sense of only **one** kingdom with only the **ONE TRUE GOD/KING**
- There is a biblical sense of **two** kingdoms having a **KING** and a king; a kingdom of belief/obedience “with God” and a kingdom of unbelief/disobedience “apart from God” – yet ultimately only **ONE KINGDOM** and only **ONE GOD/KING**
- **Any theology about kingdoms must take into account:**
  - All creatures – including angels, cherubim, seraphim, Satan, demons, **ELECT** of God, non-elect of God, animals, plants, and all that is inanimate.
  - We know that for many classes of creatures, they are spiritual beings and therefore have a perpetual conscious existence.
  - God can not change.
  - God’s nature can not be confined by time and space.
  - **TRUE BELIEVERS** serve **ONE MASTER**.
  - **TRUE BELIEVERS** drink from **ONE CUP** and eat at **ONE TABLE**.
  - **TRUE BELIEVERS** are called out of darkness to be a separate people.
  - **TRUE BELIEVERS/righteousness/light/Christ** are not bound together/in partnership with/in fellowship with/in harmony with unbelievers/lawlessness/darkness/Satan.
  - **TRUE BELIEVERS** are chosen out of the world and are hated and persecuted by the world and are not of the world, in the same sense as Christ is hated and persecuted by the world and is not of the world.
  - **TRUE BELIEVERS** do not walk with the world in such a way that its worries and the deceitfulness of its riches and their desires for other things enter in and choke out the Holy Scriptures, and it becomes unfruitful.
  - **TRUE BELIEVERS** are not taken captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the traditions of men, according to the elementary principles of the world rather than according to Christ.
  - In a certain and special sense, **TRUE BELIEVERS** are not friends with the world they are enemies. They are friends with God.