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Called into the fellowship of the Son, Part 17 On Earth as it is in Heaven

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

When we consider the fellowship of Jesus Christ, it becomes immediately obvious that God wants His Kingdom to reign in this world.

This was a part of the Lord's lesson on prayer.

It was also part of the Apostle's Creed that the Church should have a worldwide place and impact.

The Church is not to be shoved off into a corner and become insignificant, and irrelevant.

Rather than that, the Church is a lively example and reflection of the Kingdom of God in heaven.

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Ephesians 1:3 NIV Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

In this world, we are to freely enjoy and demonstrate the power of His might.

He has prepared us to stand against, bravely resist, and stand our ground against the adversary.

God has given us everything that is necessary to be victorious.

He has become our righteousness, peace, and joy, so that we may be enabled to stand.

He is our victory.

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From within the temple, the Holy Spirit establishes, empowers, and achieves the work of the Father and Son on earth.

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As long as the true Church remains on this earth, the Holy Spirit will actively be working to achieve God's objective.

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To this end, the Lord taught the Disciples to pray that God's rule would be established in our lives and situations now.

This is why it crucial for the Church to assume her rightful position in the world.

We need to come into a fuller understanding of Kingdom principles, activities, and power.

#5

1 John 4:4-6 (NIV)
You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

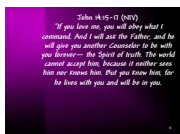
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The One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

The Word and work of the Lord Jesus Christ is to be continued through the Church.

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John 14:15-17 (NIV) “If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.

#7



The Church has become a divinely chosen agency for change in this world.

We are His representatives in this world.

Through us, His love, mercy, grace, and power is demonstrated to this world.

By Him, we are agencies of change.

God has given His Spirit to enable us to carry on the ministry and purpose of the Kingdom of God and Christ.

Paul wanted to clarify the position, power, and purpose of the Church in 2 Corinthians 10.

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We are not of the world and we are not like the world.

Ephesians says we have been seated with Christ. Our hearts have been captivated by Christ.

We have been given supernatural power to demolish strongholds, arguments, and every pretension that sets up against the knowledge of God.

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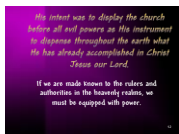
When He saved us, He changed us.

When He changed us, He gave us His Spirit, power, and authority.

When He gave us His Spirit, power, and authority, He connected us to the ministry of Christ.

When He connected us to the ministry of Christ, He made us overcomers and conquerors.

#12



His intent was to display the church before all evil powers as His instrument to dispense throughout the earth what He has already accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

To this intent, He has equipped us and filled us with His Spirit.

If we are made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, we must be equipped with power.

We must take every effort to become established in the faith.

We must be built up in Christ Jesus.

We must certify our relationship with Christ.

We must be covered with His righteousness.

We must be filled with His Spirit.

How does this impact our daily life?

How does God make known, through us, His manifold wisdom?

First, He has filled us with His Spirit.

When the Holy Spirit lives in us and is given the lead in our lives, we become a living demonstration of Christ. The world needs to know people who do not fit in the mold of the world.

Second, because we have been filled with His Spirit, we have become the voice and manifestation of the power of Christ to the world.

Acts 8:33 NKJV In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.”

You need to know that God is depending on us to speak up for Him.

We are here for this purpose.

Third, all of the power of God and Christ has been invested in our success.

Heaven and hell have identified you.

God has set us up for success.

We are being displayed as instruments of His grace, mercy, and love.

We have received from the abundance of His grace, mercy, and love.

We have been made an extension of His body, voice, and power.

We are living instrumentalities of Jesus Christ.

We are to demonstrate His kindness on purpose.

We are the expression of His outreach to the needy.

We need to take the ministry of Christ to our generation.