

# Understanding the Kingdom of God



**Matthew 12:28-29**

- Every kingdom on earth operates by systems, principles, and laws, and the kingdom of God is no exception.
  - A kingdom is a place where a king rules.
  - God has a plan to accomplish in His way.
  - When I was a child our school reminded us that we belonged to the kingdom of the United States.
  - In the same way that our schools wanted us to be reminded about our citizenship, there is another kingdom – the greatest kingdom in the universe – the kingdom of God!
  - If you are a part of the kingdom of God, it is only because you have been born again into His kingdom.
  - Throughout the Word of God, the kingdom of God is His rule, His plan, and His program in the universe.
  - It is my belief that the message of the kingdom is sorely lacking today.
  - The church has sought to camouflage our emptiness and failure with materialism, the scramble for success and significance, and other pursuits.
  - Purpose: to teach us how to operate properly in God's kingdom. It is to get us back on track with why we were created.
  - Goal: for us to know how to live by the systems, principles, and laws of the kingdom so that His kingdom will have top priority in our lives (Matt. 6:33).
  - Understanding – knowing things in their right relationship.
  - The kingdom of God – the rule and reign of God in the universe.
- There are certain suggestive truths hidden in the parable found in Matthew 13:45-47.
    1. It is suggestive to find the kingdom compared to a pearl.
    2. It is suggestive to find that there are other pearls, but only one pearl of great price.
    3. We find in this parable that everything had to be sold and sacrificed to gain the precious pearl.

- **Four Aspects of the Kingdom of God:**
  1. **The kingdom of God belongs to God (Psalm 24).**
    - **Throughout the Bible, the kingdom of God is His rule, His plan, and His program.**
  2. **The kingdom of God is dynamic and powerful.**
  3. **Jesus Christ established the kingdom of God.**
  4. **The kingdom of God is for salvation.**