

## Sunday, May 3, 2020 - The Kingdom of God

Acts 1:3 - Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of God with His followers.

The Kingdom of God was one of the central themes of Jesus' preaching.

- Mark 1:14-15

- Luke 4:43-44

Over 100 references to the Kingdom in the Gospels.

The term 'Kingdom of God' is used 82 times in the Gospels.

The term 'Kingdom of God' generally means the eternal and universal sovereign reign and rule of God.

Primarily used in three contexts:

- 1) God's eternal sovereign reign overall.
- 2) God's sovereign reign coming near us for salvation in the form of Jesus Christ.
- 3) The coming universal sovereign reign of God over His restored Kingdom of the new heavens and new earth, including all born-again believers.

Jesus taught that the Kingdom of God - which includes all things that are of the Kingdom of God - is to be our first/top/highest priority and **the central** focus of our lives.

- Matthew 6:33

- Mark 12:30

- Matthew 13:44

- Matthew 6:19-21

Doing these things gives us the right perspective for handling every challenge, struggle, heartache and hardship of life - John 16:33.

The Kingdom of God has always been;

The Kingdom of God came near to us in Jesus the Messiah to bring redemption, salvation and hope to mankind;

The Kingdom of God will become what God intended for it to become from the very beginning - the eternal dwelling and rule of God in which dwells all born-again believers.

- 1 Corinthians 2:9

Do you love God? And do you possess the certain hope of His coming Kingdom?