

THE AUTHORITY OF THE BELIEVER

Part XII Luke 10:19-20

Introduction: To be the paragon managers of the kingdom of God and its ebullient message of redemption, we must first have an impervious and tenacious faith in our personal relationship with Christ. 2nd Corinthians 5:17 (Amp.); Hebrews 11:6. While the world is desperately in need of the Gospel and what the church has to offer, it is our mandated responsibility to adopt every means available that will enable us to reach the lost of the world with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Luke 14:23; Jude 23.

I. Glorification

A. This means to esteem glorious, honorable, or to magnify. *Glorification* is the final work of redemption of the perfected saints. Man fell from the *glory of God* when he sinned under the Edenic covenant. Romans 3:23. *The new covenant* makes provision for the believer to go from *justification to glorification*. Romans 8:17-30. The *old covenant* believers saw in a small measure the *glory of God* in His *majesty and brightness*. The *new covenant* brings the believer into the fullness of the *glory of God*. John 17:22-24; 2nd Corinthians 3:18.

II. The blessings of the Gospel of the kingdom

A. Christ not only came to bring *salvation*, but also to bring the good news of the *kingdom of God*. This involved the preaching and teaching ministry of Christ. The preaching and teaching of Jesus was an integral part of the *words of the new covenant*, which is the basis upon which the *Gospel of the kingdom* is built. *Matthew 4:23-25, 9:35, 10:32-42, 24:14.*

1. The church is the instrument that God has ordained to continue the work that Jesus began "to do and teach." Acts 1:1; Mark 16:15-20. The *Gospel of the kingdom* must be preached into all the world for a witness to all nations before the end comes. *Matthew 28:18-20.*
 - a. The church in the book of Acts preached and demonstrated the *kingdom of God*. As people act on the preaching of the Gospel, they are born into the *kingdom of God*. When souls are added to the *kingdom of God*, they are translated from the kingdom of darkness into the *kingdom of light*. They are then given citizenship into the heavenly kingdom to rule throughout all of eternity. *Colossians 1:13-14.*
 - b. Blessing of the gentiles and our reign with Him
 - 1) The origin of the nations was seen in the *Noahic covenant*. The blessing of all the nations was promised in the *Abrahamic covenant*. *But under the Mosaic covenant, the gentile nations were excluded from the blessing until the Messiah would come.* At the onset of His ministry, Jesus instructed His disciples not to go to the gentiles but rather to go to the lost sheep of Israel. *Matthew 10:1-8.* This was to give the Jews the first opportunity to receive the *Messiah*; however, as unbelief and the hardness of the Jewish heart were exposed, Jesus began to minister to the gentiles, illustrating His intention to open the door of faith to the gentiles in due time. *John 1:11-12; Matthew 8:5-11, 15:21-28; Acts 14:27.* After His death and resurrection, but before His ascension, Christ commissioned His disciples to take the Gospel to all the nations. *Matthew 28:18-20.* This was to fulfill the mystery of the gentiles coming into *Messianic* blessing and becoming one body with believing Jews. *This mystery was predicted by Old Testament prophets.* *Deuteronomy 32:43; Psalms 117:1; and Isaiah 11:1-10.* This was also confirmed in the *New Testament.* *Ephesians 2:11-22, 3:1-12.*
 - c. Blessings of the outpoured spirit
 - 1) The *Old Testament* prophet Joel prophesied of the coming of the Holy Spirit under Messiah's ministry and in *new covenant* times. *Joel 2:28-32; Isaiah 44:3; Ezekiel 36:25-27; Zechariah 12:10.* These predictions were based on a covenant promise God *had* made to Abraham. The blessing that was to come upon all the nations through Abraham's seed was "*the promise of the Spirit.*" *Galatians 3:8-9, 14, 16, 29.*
 - 2) Christ taught much concerning the coming of the Holy Spirit, the seal of the *new covenant*. *Luke 11:9-13; John 7:37-39, 14:16-17, 15:26, 16:7-15.* The fulfillment of this promise began in the book of Acts as both Jew and gentile were baptized into the Holy Spirit. *Acts 2:4, 10:44-48, 19:1-6.*
 - d. The Holy Spirit is not only the power to enable us to manage the kingdom of God on earth, but also the oil to do the work smoothly and effectively.

Conclusion: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, not only came to bring salvation, but also to bring the good news of the kingdom of God. This involves the preaching and teaching of Christ. The preaching and teaching of Christ were words that created the linchpin of the kingdom. *Matthew 4:23-25.* You and I are individual members of the body of Christ, and as such we are mandated to carry out the will of God on earth, to see that the Gospel of the kingdom is preached to all the nations of the world. *Matthew 24:14, 28:18-20.*