

The New Testament Church
The Gospel of the Kingdom #6 – Thy Kingdom Come: Faith and Works
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I Sharing the Gospel – **We confess that the Bible is the Word of God** (Sola Scriptura)

- A. Matthew 4:23 – Jesus “*preaching the gospel of the kingdom*”
 - 1. The **gospel** – “good news” – you can be rescued from your past
 - 2. Of the **Kingdom** – “rule” – you are saved to learning how to govern yourself
- B. Proclaim – “to herald” – share – James 3:17; exalt Christ and He will draw!
- C. Foundation stones to the Gospel of the Kingdom
 - 1. Creation/Sin – **We confess we are made in His image but marred by sin**
 - 2. Law/Grace – **We confess God’s Law is right and our need is for grace**
 - 3. Prayer – **Focus on God, do His will, be grateful, forgive, resist temptation**
 - 4. Persecution – **All that live godly will suffer some level of persecution**
 - 5. Sanctification – **Growth requires discipline on applying God’s Word**
- D. *Sola Scriptura, Solus Christus, Sola Fide, Sola Gratia, Soli Deo Gloria*

II Thy Kingdom Come – *good works of salt and light flow out of a life of faith*

- A. The purpose of growing in Christ is to manifest His Kingdom
 - 1. Matthew 6:10 – that is the focus of our prayers... on earth as it is in heaven
 - 2. Ephesians 2:10 – good works is to be the fruit of the Kingdom in our lives
 - a. It begins in our personal lives, then our families, as well as our church
 - b. A church’s destiny is to display good works to its community and city
- B. Faith and Works – *our works are to reflect the faith we profess!*
 - 1. 1:26-27 – our tongue and actions of love toward others should reflect our faith
 - 2. 2:14-24 – our faith is to manifest practically – (ex. tithes and offerings...)
 - a. v. 14-16 – our faith is designed to manifest in helping others (clothes, food)
 - b. v. 17-23 – faith without works is dead; and works without faith is dead
 - 1. I will show you my faith by my works – clothing faith with action
 - 2. Works without faith does not save you, though it can help others
 - 3. Belief alone is not obedience – *obedience to God are actions of faith*
 - 4. Abraham demonstrated having faith by his obedience to God (action)
 - 5. In other words, “a man is justified by works, and not by faith only”
(this is not *justification* before God, but justification before man)
- C. Matthew 5:13-16 – the nature of good works
 - 1. The Church is a bride before God, but salt and light before the world
 - a. Salt is a preservative, it works slowly, silently, by its action
 - b. Light exposes darkness, works quickly, and is manifested incrementally
 - 2. The manifestation of **lighting the world** is a Kingdom concept
 - a. We must light the **city** before we light the world – churches and cities linked
 - b. The **home** must be lit (generally speaking) before churches and cities
 - c. **We** must be lit so that others may glorify our Father! – *solī deo gloria!*