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FACULTY OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
COURSE CODE: [FCM 108]
COURSE TITLE: KINGDOM CITIZENSHIP CLASS

TEXT

Colossians 1:13 (KJV)

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the Kingdom of his dear Son:

Colossians1:13(NKJV)

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love

Isaiah9:6-7

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace, there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgement and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Matthew6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

INTRODUCTION

It is crucial for every believer in Christ to understand that they have been translated into a different kingdom and with that translation comes a certain change of operation and status. In this course, we explore the nature of this kingdom what it takes to enter it.

A. THERE ARE TWO KINGDOMS AT WORK IN THE WORLD.

1. The Kingdom of Darkness

Revelation12:7-12

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God Day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

Ephesians6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

2. The Kingdom of God and his dear Son.

Colossians1:13

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

John18:36

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

B. OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ESTABLISHED A KINGDOM AND NOT JUST A MERE RELIGION.

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Mark1:14-15

Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of

God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

C. THE NATURE OF GOD'S KINGDOM.

Daniel2:44-45

And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”

1. Our kingdom is set up by God.
2. Our Kingdom is indestructible
3. Our Kingdom will not be left to other people.
4. Our Kingdom will break in pieces all other kingdoms and our kingdom will stand forever
5. Our kingdom was crafted without hands
6. Our kingdom is everlasting
7. Our kingdom dominion is transgenerational
8. Our kingdom is unshakable

Hebrews12:28

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Daniel4:3

How great are His signs, And how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

D. HOW TO BECOME A CITIZEN OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

1. Realize that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God.

1Corinthians15:50-51

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does

corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

2. You must be born again by putting your faith in Christ Jesus, both of the water, of the word of God and of the spirit of God.

John3:5-8

Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

E. WE ARE THEREFORE CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND NOT MERE MEMBERS OF A CHURCH AND OUR CITIZENSHIP COMES WITH PRIVILEGES IN CHRIST THAT WE SHALL EXPLORE IN SUBSEQUENT COURSES.

Ephesians2:19

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, And of the household of God;

Philippians3:20

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

ASSIGNMENT.

Do a study of Apostle Paul's Understanding of His Roman Citizenship in Acts 22:22- 29 and Acts 16: 35-40

Share how He leveraged upon it when confronted with the challenges of Life. Mail in your submission to ehccmrp@gmail.com within 48hours. Your name and assignment topic should be the subject of the mail. E.g. Ade Tiger- Apostle Paul's Understanding of His Roman Citizenship.