

07 – God's big picture - The proclaimed kingdom

If Jesus has won victory over Satan and defeated death on the cross...

God's kingdom =

- God's people...
- living in God's place ...
- under God's rule and blessing

Genesis ... God's kingdom =

- God's perfect people ... Adam and Eve
- living in God's perfect place... the garden of Eden...
- under God's perfect rule and blessing... with God speaking ...in perfect relationship.

Genesis 3

... perfect kingdom was wrecked by human sin.

... God promised to restore his perfect kingdom rule.

Last week

... Jesus was the fulfilment of this promise.

However ... it has not come fully.

The last days

2 Tim 3:1-5 ***But mark this: there will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God – ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.***

1) Proclamation

Luke 24:47 "repentance for the forgiveness of sins needed to be preached to all the nations."

... we are also living in the last days... people still need to know so that they too can be saved by Jesus.

2) Sending of Spirit

a. He brings about new birth

1 Peter 1:3 ... "new birth" and living hope

John 16:8-11, ... as the Spirit convicts people of their problem of sin, their need of righteousness and the coming judgement they deserve.

... the task of proclaiming the kingdom rule of Jesus must ALSO have the Spirit to work in the lives of people to bring about this new birth, so they can be saved.

b. He equips us to serve

c. He produces holiness

... helps us obey what Jesus commanded us to do.

Romans 8:13 ... if we live according the Spirit then we can put to death the misdeeds of our body.

The kingdom of God

God's people

... of followers of Jesus

... people from every nation, tribe and tongue

In God's place

... gathered together by God in his place as his Holy people

Under God's rule and blessing

... through the Spirit as the Spirit brings God's word to bear in our lives

For us today

1) Necessity of proclamation

2) Not alone

3) Mixed emotions

My one thing