

We advance the Kingdom by Communicating Truth in Love

John 18:36 ³⁶Jesus answered, “**My kingdom is not of this world.** If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.” John 18:36 | NASB

Romans 14:17 ¹⁷for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but **righteousness** and **peace** and **joy** in the **Holy Spirit.** Romans 14:17 | NASB

1 Corinthians 13:13 ¹³But now **faith, hope, love,** abide these three; but the **greatest of these is love.** *1 Corinthians 13:13* | NASB

Ephesians 4:15 ¹⁵but speaking the truth in love, we are to **grow up in all aspects** into Him who is the head, even Christ, Ephesians 4:15 | NASB

Truth in the Kingdom of Jesus is Visible

Truth in the Kingdom of Jesus is wrapped in God's Love

Truth in the Kingdom of Jesus comes from oneness with Jesus & the Father

I. Truth is Visible when you follow Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the word & the truth.

John 14:5-6 ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the **truth**, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. John 14:5-6

Philippians 2:14-15 ¹⁴Do **all things** without grumbling or disputing; ¹⁵so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, Philippians 2:14-15

James 2:14-17 ¹⁴**What use is it,** my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? ¹⁷Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. James 2:14-17

Matthew 5:16 ¹⁶ “Let your **light shine** before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

1 Peter 2:12-15 ¹² Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation. ¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. ¹⁵ For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. 1 Peter 2:12-15

James 1(19-21) ¹⁹ This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. James 1:19-21

II. The law of Christ is to love like Christ

We don’t get to choose who we are to Love.

We don’t get to choose how we are to Love.

John 15:12-14,17 ¹² “This is **My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.** ¹³ “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ “You are My friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁷ “This I command you, that you love one another.

Galatians 6:2 ² Bear one another’s burdens, and there by **fulfill the law of Christ.** Galatians 6:2

Ephesians 4:31-32 ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:31-32

Ephesians 5:1-2 ¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; ² and **walk in love,** just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma Ephesians 5:1-2

III. To Love like Christ we must Abide in Christ & the *Father*.

John 15:4-5 ⁴ “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither from you unless you abide in Me.” ⁵ “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. John 15:4-5

John 17:20-21 ²⁰ “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that **they may all be one**; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. John 17:20-21

James 1:22 ²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. James 1:22

Jesus is the Word. We must be doers of Jesus Christ.

IV. Jesus’s Kingdom looks like Jesus Christ’s Manifesto

Matthew 5-7 The Sermon on the Mount

Luke 6(20-38) Beatitudes

Romans 12:9-21 ⁹**Let love be without hypocrisy.** Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; ¹¹not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, ¹³ contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. ¹⁷ Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. ¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰ “But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so

doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:9-21

1 John 3 ³And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him (Jesus) purifies himself, just as He is pure. 1 John 3:3 | NASB

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