



## **The Kingdom of God's Grace**

The Jews of Jesus' day were expecting a promised earthly kingdom that the prophets had spoken about. They longed for God to defeat their enemies, and thus bring them out from under the rule and reign of Rome, and restore the kingdom to Israel. They believed this promised kingdom would be a kingdom of peace, joy, prosperity, and restoration of their land. They understood it to be a kingdom of truth, righteousness, and justice where God himself would be present with them, ruling over them as their King - Isaiah 61:1-11

The problem that the Jews had living under God's rule and reign was rooted in their sinful nature, and was exposed in the old covenant relationship that God had established with them which required their complete obedience to His commands in order to come into, and remain in, a right relationship with Him and enjoy his favor upon them - Exodus 19: 1-8

But, God had promised that He would one day do away with the old covenant relationship and establish a new covenant relationship with His people. This new covenant relationship would be based upon God's grace, and would bring forgiveness of sins and a true heart desire to live under God's rule and reign, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to do so - Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekial 36:16-28

1. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ personified -  
Luke 4:16-21
2. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom of God - 2 Cor. 1:20
3. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom of God -  
Luke 6:20-23
4. As King, Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom of  
God - Jn. 1:14-18
5. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom of God -  
2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 2:15-21

## **What does this mean for us?**

As disciples of Jesus, who have been given a new identity “in Christ”, He demands that we live our lives out of this identity as we renounce everything for the sake of bringing every area of our lives under His rule and reign as our gracious King. We are to join Him in His kingdom mission as His witnesses and His representatives, or ambassadors, of His kingdom of grace.

