

KINGDOM GROWTH



GOD'S PROVISION FOR THE KINGDOM

- God gave His Son for the salvation of the world (John 3:16)
- God has given us His Word (Luke 8:11)
- The Father and the Son have given us the Holy Spirit (John 14–16)
- Jesus has established His church (Matthew 16:16-19; John 17)

BELIEVERS' MISSION FOR THE KINGDOM

- Go make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything Jesus commanded (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Be salt and light in the world, even as Jesus is the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16; cf. John 8:12)
- Sow the Word of God amongst all people (Matthew 13:1-9,18-23; Mark 4:1-9,13-20; Luke 8:4-8,11-15)
- Pray for workers to be sent out with the gospel (Matthew 9:37-38)
- Pray for God's kingdom to come, His will to be done, and for deliverance from temptation and the evil one (Matthew 6:10,13; Luke 11:2,4)



SATAN'S OPPOSITION TO THE KINGDOM

- Attacks and steals the Word of God so people cannot be saved (Luke 8:12)
- Sows the world with people who cause sin and are guilty of lawlessness (Matthew 13:24-30,36-43)
- Persecutes Jesus's followers (John 15:18-25)
- Tempts Jesus's followers to sin (Matthew 6:13; cf. Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13)

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE KINGDOM

- The kingdom starts small, but it will grow to encompass all of God's creation (Matthew 13:31-33; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-21)
- God will separate the evil from the righteous (Matthew 13:24-30,36-43,47-50; 25:31-46)
- God brings the growth of the kingdom through the sowing of His Word (Mark 4:26-29)

