

**Outline of  
the Messages for the Full-time Training  
in the Spring Term of 2026**

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**GENERAL SUBJECT:  
THE CRUCIAL POINTS OF THE TRUTH IN PAUL'S EPISTLES—  
FIRST AND SECOND THESSALONIANS**

Message Six

**Called into God's Kingdom and Glory**

Scripture Reading: 1 Thes. 2:12; 2 Thes. 1:5;  
Mark 1:14-15; John 3:3, 5; Rev. 1:9

**1 Thes. 2:12**—So that you might walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

**2 Thes. 1:5**—A plain indication of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be accounted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which also you suffer;

**Mark 1:14-15**—And after John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>And saying, The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has drawn near. Repent and believe in the gospel.

**John 3:3**—Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

**John 3:5**—Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

**Rev. 1:9**—I John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

**I. God has called us to enter into His kingdom and glory—1 Thes. 2:12:**

**1 Thes. 2:12**—So that you might walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

A. The kingdom of God is the sphere for us to worship God and enjoy God under the divine ruling with a view of entering into God's glory—Matt. 6:13b.

**Matt. 6:13**—And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

B. Paul's work with the new believers nourished them, cherished them, and fostered them to walk in a manner worthy of God so that they might be able to enter into His kingdom and participate in His glory—1 Thes. 2:12.

**1 Thes. 2:12**—So that you might walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

**II. The New Testament is a book of the kingdom of God; the entire New Testament is on the kingdom—Matt. 3:2; 4:17; Rev. 11:15; 12:10:**

**Matt. 3:2**—And saying, Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near.

**Matt. 4:17**—From that time Jesus began to proclaim and to say, Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near.

**Rev. 11:15**—And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the *kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

**Rev. 12:10**—And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.

A. The kingdom of God is a divine sphere for God to work out His plan; it is a realm where God can exercise His authority to accomplish what He intends—Matt. 6:10.

**Matt. 6:10**—Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, *so* also on earth.

B. The kingdom of God is not only God's reign over the universe in a general way by His authority and power but also God's reign in a particular way in the sense of life—John 3:5, 15; Rom. 14:17; 8:2, 6, 10-11.

**John 3:5**—Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

**John 3:15**—That everyone who believes into Him may have eternal life.

**Rom. 14:17**—For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**Rom. 8:2**—For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

**Rom. 8:6**—For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

**Rom. 8:10-11**—But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

C. As God incarnate, the Lord Jesus came to establish the kingdom of God, to establish a realm in which God can carry out His purpose through the exercise of His authority—John 1:1, 14; 3:3, 5; 18:36.

**John 1:1**—In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**John 1:14**—And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

**John 3:3**—Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

**John 3:5**—Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

**John 18:36**—Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My attendants would be struggling so that I would not be delivered to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not from here.

- D. The New Testament preaches the gospel in the way of the kingdom; the gospel is for the kingdom, and the gospel is proclaimed so that rebellious sinners might be saved, qualified, and equipped to enter into the kingdom—Mark 1:14-15; Matt. 4:17; Acts 8:12.

**Mark 1:14-15**—And after John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>And saying, The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has drawn near. Repent and believe in the gospel.

**Matt. 4:17**—From that time Jesus began to proclaim and to say, Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near.

**Acts 8:12**—But when they believed Philip, who announced the gospel of the kingdom of God and of the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

- E. In the New Testament the kingdom of God goes with His salvation, and God's salvation goes with the kingdom—Eph. 2:8, 19; Rev. 12:10.

**Eph. 2:8**—For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God;

**Eph. 2:19**—So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

**Rev. 12:10**—And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.

- F. Repentance is mainly for us to enter into the kingdom of God; unless we repent—that is, have a change of concept—we cannot enter into the kingdom—Mark 1:15; Matt. 3:2; 4:17.

**Mark 1:15**—And saying, The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has drawn near. Repent and believe in the gospel.

**Matt. 3:2**—And saying, Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near.

**Matt. 4:17**—From that time Jesus began to proclaim and to say, Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near.

- G. The kingdom of God is God Himself, and God is life, having the nature, ability, and shape of the divine life, which forms the realm of God's ruling—Mark 1:15:

**Mark 1:15**—And saying, The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has drawn near. Repent and believe in the gospel.

1. The drawing near of the kingdom of God is the drawing near of God Himself.
2. The nature of the kingdom of God is divine because it is the kingdom of *God* with the divine attributes of love, light, holiness, and righteousness—1 John 4:8, 16; 1:5; 2:29; 1 Pet. 1:15-16.

**1 John 4:8**—He who does not love has not known God, because God is love.

**1 John 4:16**—And we know and have believed the love which God has in us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God abides in him.

**1 John 1:5**—And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**1 John 2:29**—If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness also has been begotten of Him.

**1 Pet. 1:15-16**—But according to the Holy One who called you, you yourselves also be holy in all *your* manner of life; <sup>16</sup>Because it is written, “You shall be holy because I am holy.”

3. Only by having the divine life can we enter into the divine realm.
4. The only way to enter into the kingdom of God is to receive God as life and to gain God Himself—John 1:1, 14; 3:15; 1 John 5:11-12.

**John 1:1**—In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**John 1:14**—And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

**John 3:15**—That everyone who believes into Him may have eternal life.

**1 John 5:11-12**—And this is the testimony, that God gave to us eternal life and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup>He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

5. Because through regeneration we receive the divine life, the life of God, regeneration is the unique entrance into the kingdom—John 3:3, 5, 15.

**John 3:3**—Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

**John 3:5**—Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

**John 3:15**—That everyone who believes into Him may have eternal life.

- H. Through regeneration we have been transferred into the delightful kingdom of the Son of God’s love—a realm where we are ruled in love with life—Col. 1:13.

**Col. 1:13**—Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

- I. The kingdom of God is a realm of the divine species; in order to enter into this divine realm, we need to be born of God to have the life and nature of God, thereby becoming God-men in the kingdom of God—John 1:12-13; 3:3, 5.

**John 1:12-13**—But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name, <sup>13</sup>Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

**John 3:3**—Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

**John 3:5**—Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

- J. The kingdom of God is the Lord Jesus as the seed of life sown into His believers and developing into a realm over which God can rule as His kingdom in His divine life—Luke 17:20-21; Mark 4:3, 26.

**Luke 17:20-21**—And when He was questioned by the Pharisees *as to* when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, The kingdom of God does not come with observation; <sup>21</sup>Nor will they say, Behold, here *it is!* or, There! For behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.

**Mark 4:3**—Listen! Behold, the sower went out to sow.

**Mark 4:26**—And He said, So is the kingdom of God: as if a man cast seed on the earth,

- K. The eternal kingdom of God is the increase of Christ in administration—Dan. 2:34-35, 44; Mark 4:26-29.

**Dan. 2:34-35**—You were watching until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the image at its feet of iron and clay and crushed them. <sup>35</sup>Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at once, and they became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

**Dan. 2:44**—And in the days of those kings the God of the heavens will raise up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and its reign will not be left to another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms; and it will stand forever.

**Mark 4:26-29**—And He said, So is the kingdom of God: as if a man cast seed on the earth, <sup>27</sup>And sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and lengthens—how, he does not know. <sup>28</sup>The earth bears fruit by itself: first a blade, then an ear, then full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the fruit is ripe, immediately he sends forth the sickle, because the harvest has come.

- L. Today the believers live the kingdom life in the church, for the church is the kingdom of God in this age—Matt. 16:18-19; 1 Cor. 6:10; Eph. 5:5:

**Matt. 16:18-19**—And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in the heavens, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in the heavens.

**1 Cor. 6:10**—Nor thieves nor the covetous, not drunkards, not revilers, not the rapacious will inherit the kingdom of God.

**Eph. 5:5**—For this you realize, knowing that every fornicator or unclean person or greedy person (who is an idolater) has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

1. The church life is the kingdom in a developmental stage, a preliminary stage—Rev. 1:9.

**Rev. 1:9**—I John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

2. When the authority of God's kingdom is allowed to operate in us, righteousness, peace, and joy will characterize our daily life—Rom. 14:17.

**Rom. 14:17**—For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

3. The work of the church is to bring in the kingdom of God—Matt. 6:10; 12:22-28; Rev. 11:15; 12:10.

**Matt. 6:10**—Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.

**Matt. 12:22-28**—Then there was brought to Him one possessed by a demon, blind and dumb, and He healed him, so that the dumb man spoke and saw. <sup>23</sup>And all the crowds were amazed and said, Is this not the Son of David? <sup>24</sup>But the Pharisees, hearing *this*, said, This man does not cast out the demons except by Beelzebul, ruler of the demons. <sup>25</sup>But knowing their thoughts, He said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself becomes desolate, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? <sup>27</sup>And if I, by Beelzebul, cast out the demons, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore they shall be your judges. <sup>28</sup>But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

**Rev. 11:15**—And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the *kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

**Rev. 12:10**—And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.

4. God's goal is that we live a church life that will usher us into the kingdom; this means that we should live in the preliminary stage of the kingdom that will lead us into the full manifestation of the kingdom—Matt. 13:43.

**Matt. 13:43**—Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

- M. The New Testament emphasizes the cross, the church, and the kingdom; the cross produces the church, and the church ushers in the kingdom—Matt. 16:18-19, 24.

**Matt. 16:18-19**—And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in the heavens, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in the heavens.

**Matt. 16:24**—Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

- N. To enter into the kingdom of God, we need to pass through sufferings; to be “accounted worthy of the kingdom of God,” we need our faith to grow, our love to increase, and our endurance to be maintained—Acts 14:22; 2 Thes. 1:5.

**Acts 14:22**—Establishing the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith and *saying* that through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God.

**2 Thes. 1:5**—A plain indication of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be accounted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which also you suffer;

- O. After we have entered into the kingdom of God through regeneration, we need to go on to have a rich entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by experiencing the full development of the divine life as revealed in 2 Peter 1:5-11.

**2 Pet. 1:5-11**—And for this very reason also, adding all diligence, supply bountifully in your faith virtue; and in virtue, knowledge; <sup>6</sup>And in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control, endurance; and in endurance, godliness; <sup>7</sup>And in godliness, brotherly love; and in brotherly love, love. <sup>8</sup>For these things, existing in you and abounding, constitute *you* neither idle nor unfruitful unto the full knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>For he in whom these things are not present is blind, being shortsighted, having forgotten the cleansing of his past sins. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, brothers, be the more diligent to make your calling and selection firm, for doing these things you shall by no means ever stumble. <sup>11</sup>For in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly *and* bountifully supplied to you.

- P. As a result of the growth and development of the divine life unto maturity and of living in the reality of the kingdom in the church life today, we will inherit the kingdom of God—cf. 1 Cor. 15:50; Gal. 5:21.

**cf. 1 Cor. 15:50**—Now this I say, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, neither does corruption inherit incorruption.

**cf. Gal. 5:21**—Envyings, bouts of drunkenness, carousings, and things like these, of which I tell you beforehand, even as I have said before, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

### III. God’s glory goes with His kingdom and is expressed in the realm of His kingdom—Matt. 6:10, 13b; Psa. 145:11-13:

**Matt. 6:10**—Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, *so* also on earth.

**Matt. 6:13**—And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**Psa. 145:11-13**—They will speak of the glory of Your kingdom And tell of Your power, <sup>12</sup>To make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts And the glorious splendor of Your kingdom. <sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an eternal kingdom, And Your dominion is throughout all generations.

- A. The kingdom is the realm for God to exercise His power so that He may express His glory—Rev. 5:10, 13.

**Rev. 5:10**—And have made them a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign on the earth.

**Rev. 5:13**—And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea and all things in them, I heard saying, To Him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing and the honor and the glory and the might forever and ever.

- B. The shining of the kingdom is for the glorification of the Father—Matt. 5:16.

**Matt. 5:16**—In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in the heavens.

- C. The kingdom of God is God being manifested through us; the expression of God from within us is the kingdom—vv. 14-15; 1 Cor. 4:20; 10:31.

**Matt. 5:14-15**—You are the light of the world. It is impossible for a city situated upon a mountain to be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do *men* light a lamp and place it under the bushel, but on the lampstand; and it shines to all who are in the house.

**1 Cor. 4:20**—For the kingdom of God is not in speech but in power.

**1 Cor. 10:31**—Therefore whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

- D. First Thessalonians 2:12 indicates that we enter into the kingdom of God and into the glory of God simultaneously.

**1 Thes. 2:12**—So that you might walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.