

Is the Kingdom of God a Democracy?

- Do we pick and choose (elect) what aspects of God's kingdom -
 - To implement in our lives?
 - **Or**, are we to seek God's presence and power to mold our lives into conformity to His kingdom's standards?
 - To implement in our churches?
 - **Or**, are we to pursue all aspects of God's kingdom love and supernatural ministry in our fellowships?
 - To share with the world?
 - **Or**, are we to share with the world all that God has modeled for us to share through the example of Jesus' life and ministry?
- As God's kingdom people, we need to stop 'electing' what parts of God's kingdom we are to live, minister, and share.
- We should embrace a complete kingdom model of life and ministry that doesn't pick and choose how we live or minister, but instead, embraces and demonstrates all aspects of God's supernatural kingdom in our lives, churches and the world.
- The kingdom of this world is under the sway of the wicked one (1 John 5:19; John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; 2 Cor 4:4; Eph. 2:2), and until Jesus returns, we are to be living and ministering as members of His non-earthly, supernatural kingdom (John 18:36), following the model Jesus and the apostles gave us of supernatural love and power:
 - **Luke 4:18** "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR; HE HAS SENT ME TO HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED, TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET AT LIBERTY THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED;
 - **Matthew 5:44** But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,
 - **John 13:34-35** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. (35) By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
 - **John 14:11-12** Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. (12) "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.
 - **Acts 10:38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.
 - **1 Corinthians 2:4-5** And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, (5) that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.
 - **1 Corinthians 4:20** For the kingdom of God *is* not in word but in power.