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Hello my friends. Thanks for joining me @ the PUNLA coffee table Throughout this series we have been studying the Bible to determine what the Bibles says about the kingdom of God.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father. Thank you for your good news. Lord use me to share your message. If I say something in error, please let them remember what you wanted them to hear, not my errand words. Help us not to be confused by the many voices and opinions we hear. May we stay focused on your word Lord. Guide our discussion. We pay in your name Lord Jesus, Amen.

There many of misconceptions about the kingdom of God. Some say the kingdom of God is heaven. Others say the kingdom of God is the millennium kingdom that Jesus will set up on earth after He returns. And in reality, both of these are true but not complete. A future kingdom does not fit the descriptions of the kingdom of God Jesus used in the gospels. Other people say the kingdom of God is wherever Jesus is. He's king right, then the kingdom of God is wherever Jesus is. And that is true, but it's not only true. .

Is God the creator of everything? Yes. Is God sovereign over all His creation? Yes. Is God all knowing, every present and has dominion over all. Yes. If God is in control of everything, everywhere for all time and forever. Then everyplace and time that God is in control of everything is by the very definition God's kingdom. The kingdom of God is everyplace, everything, every time.

But I know there is this lingering issue about the presence of God. His kingdom is only where he is. God is Omnipresent, Omnipotent and Omniscient. This means very plainly that God is every place, then everyplace God is present is the kingdom of God. Everyplace. God is all powerful meaning God has control over everything everywhere everywhen. Then the kingdom of God is where God rules, which is everywhere, everything and everywhen. If God knows all things, then nothing can surprise God. God is completely sovereign over everywhen, everywhere and everything.

Jesus told us in Luke 17:20-21 that the kingdom of God is not something you can simply observe. It's not over there or over here. It is everywhere, all the time for all time. In Luke 11:17-20, Jesus told us that if things are being done by the power of God, then the kingdom of God is there.

In parable after parable, Jesus tells us the kingdom of God is like or the kingdom is, then Jesus describe events and circumstances here on earth during our lives. Opportunities to grow, opportunities to make choices, opportunities to help other, opportunities to recognize the kingdom of God and its true value.

Jesus tells us very plainly in Matthew 13 in the wheat and tares parable, what the kingdom of God is. The field which is the world is the kingdom of God. Right here and right now, when both good seeds or followers of Jesus and bad seeds or followers of anyone other than Jesus grow and live together. Evil and good together in the kingdom of God. But not forever. Jesus made it very clear that at some point, evil will be purged from the kingdom of God. Anyone who is not a follower of Jesus will be purged. Then there will be only one kingdom, no more little kingdoms. Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess Jesus is Lord.

But now I have a tough question for you. At the end of this age, we know from revelation that the devil and his angels are going to be thrown into the lake of fire along with anyone who has not chosen Jesus in their

life. This is what many call Heaven and Hell. So using those terms. Is heaven part of the kingdom of God? Yes of course. Is hell, hades and the lake of fire part of the kingdom of God? I know those terms aren't interchangeable but are they all part of the kingdom of God? Well, yes. They have to be. God created them. God is in control there. God is sovereign there. Then they are part of the kingdom of God.

I hope you are beginning to see the picture. Are those in the lake of fire part of the kingdom of God. Well no. They are in part of the kingdom of God but no part of the kingdom of God. They are subject to the kingdom of God but not participants in the kingdom of God. They exist in the kingdom of God but are not citizen of the kingdom of God.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father. Thank you for you. You only are worthy of praise. You alone are king of kings. Help us to recognize you as the king of our lives. Help us to live like we know it. As your followers, we are active parts of your kingdom. The kingdom of God. I pray that we act like it. Every day in every moment. Thank you, Jesus, for what you did for me or all of us. We pray in your name Lord Jesus, Amen.

Let me leave you with this. Throughout this series in every scripture God has been telling us the what, where and when of the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is everything the what, everywhere the where and every when is the when. Everything and everyone that God has created is in the kingdom of God. You don't have to be able to see God to be in His kingdom. But you can only be part of the kingdom of God without your arrogance and pride. You cannot be part of the kingdom of God if you trust other things like your money or your intelligence. Only truly surrendered disciples of Jesus get to be part the kingdom of God. Love God first and most of all, then love others in the way God loves them, then you are living in the kingdom of God right here and right now. Jesus already has all authority in heaven and earth. God created everything; He rules everything. Always. He is and has been and will forever be King of kings. No one can take it away from him. He's God. Don't miss it. The kingdom of God is in your midst. Right here, right now. What you need to do is accept the free gift. Or as Jesus said nearly two thousand years ago. *"the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe the good news of the kingdom of God."*

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