

FUTURE CHURCH: THE KINGDOM CULTURE CHURCH

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Psalm 133:1-3 NKJ

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing—life forevermore.

U.S. Race Projections:

- 25 years – more than half of all Americans projected to be a minority
 - 44% white
 - 1 in 5 will be foreign born
- 2050 – Population will grow about 100 million (from 319 million to 419 million)
- 2020 – more than half of the children will be a minority

- Asians: increase 143%
- Hispanics: increase 114%
- Blacks: increase 42%
- Whites: increase 21%
- 2 or more races: increase 226%

Matthew 24:7 NKJ

“For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom...”

Matthew 24:10 NKJ

“And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.”

Matthew 24:12 NKJ

“And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.”

Matthew 24:14 NKJ

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”

Genesis 11:1 NKJ

Now the whole earth had one language and one speech.

Genesis 11:9 NKJ

Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Acts 2:5 NKJ

And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

Acts 2:44 NKJ

Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common...

Acts 17:26 NKJ

And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings...

John 18:36 NKJ

Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world...”

Matthew 6:33 NKJ

“But seek first the kingdom of God...”

Qualities of the Kingdom Culture Church:

1. In the Kingdom Culture, I no longer form JUDGMENTS of people based on their SKIN COLOR or their HUMAN CULTURE.

2 Corinthians 5:16-18 NKJ

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh.

Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation...

2. In the Kingdom Culture, I must learn the HIGHER ORDER OF LOVE.

Colossians 3:10-14 NLT

Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. CHRIST IS ALL THAT MATTERS, and he lives in all of us. Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who OFFENDS YOU. Remember, THE LORD FORGAVE YOU, SO YOU MUST FORGIVE OTHERS. Above all, clothe yourselves with LOVE, WHICH BINDS US ALL TOGETHER IN PERFECT HARMONY.

3. In the Kingdom Culture, I'm INTENTIONAL in reaching out to people of other CULTURES.

4 Stages People Live in Concerning Other Cultures:

1. SEGREGATION: total and complete separation fueled by prejudice
2. TOLERATION: recognition that other cultures have rights accompanied by a silent unwillingness to move beyond that
3. INTEGRATION: willingness to mix together as a sign of acceptance, but an unwillingness to move off of one's cultural stand
4. RECONCILIATION: a change of the inward heart condition that adopts a Kingdom mindset of doing life together

Ephesians 2:14-18 NKJ

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

4. In the Kingdom Culture, I CARE about the STATE OF OTHER CULTURES.

Philippians 2:1-4 MSG

If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a HEART, if you CARE—then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and HELP OTHERS GET AHEAD. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.