

Repent and Believe the Gospel

14 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 and saying, “**The time is fulfilled**, and **the kingdom of God is at hand**. **Repent, and believe in the gospel.**”

1) Must repent before we believe the Gospel.

- a) Repent—to change your mind; to turn thing around
- b) Repentance brings conversion or change.

2) The time is fulfilled—the kingdom of God is preached.

- a) In due season, Christ died for the ungodly.
- b) This is God’s chosen time.

Acts 3:19-20. 19

Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, 20 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

3) These are the times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

4) A season of change.

- a) Change happens. Perhaps the only thing more fundamental than that sentence, is that people don’t like change.
 - i) To change is difficult; not to change is fatal.
 - ii) Growth means change and change involves risk, stepping from the known to the unknown.
- b) When you’re finished changing, you’re finished.
- c) If we don’t change, we don’t grow. If we don’t grow, we aren’t really living.

5) Time of restoration of all things spoken by the prophets.

- a) Jesus came to restore all that was lost in the fall.

- i) Restoration to the original mandate—be fruitful, multiply, replenish, have dominion.
- ii) God’s original intent was for us to have dominion (Kingdom rule).

6) Everything that needs restoring is being restored.

- a) Restoration of the Church.
 - i) Martin Luther.
 - ii) Holiness Movement
 - iii) Pentecostal Movement.
 - iv) Latter Rain
 - v) Charismatic/Word and Faith
 - vi) Kingdom
- b) Restoration of governmental gifts to the church.
 - i) When things are in proper alignment is when God will move.
 - ii) God has a due order—not the order of man.

7) We have not passed this way before.

2And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host; 3And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. 4Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore. 5And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you. 6And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.