

The Kingdom of God is divided into three sectors

- 1) The Heavenly Kingdom / Spiritual Kingdom (The abode of the Trinity, Holy Angels, and the saints)
- 2) The Inner Kingdom (The heart of a Christian)
- 3) The Visible Kingdom (The church on the earth – Body of Christ)

1) The Heavenly Kingdom

Psalms 103:19 says, "The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all".

The Heavenly Kingdom is the abode of the Godhead (God the Father, Jesus Christ His Son and Holy Spirit. Godhead operates independently and dependently. You must receive this truth by faith because you cannot perfectly personally comprehend the innerworkings of God without being revealed to you by Holy Spirit. All the Angels of God live in this Kingdom including the Archangels, the Cherubs, the Seraphs, the Ministering Angels, and the Angels of the spiritual hosts. They take orders from God and from the stronger Christians as they intercede. Satan and the fallen angels (Satan angels) were once living in this Kingdom. Their disobedience caused them to be sacked from this Kingdom. The Heavenly Kingdom is a place of total purity and joy.

We can ONLY access this Kingdom by first getting born again. By receiving Jesus Christ as your Lord and personal Savior, you are born again and identified as a child of God. You are also given

names of loyalty to start enjoying the benefits of the Kingdom by faith.

1 Peter 2:9-10 says, ⁹ But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Which in time past were not a people but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

2) The Inner Kingdom

Luke 17:20-21; ²⁰ And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: ²¹ Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

The inner Kingdom is the invisible realm within a heart (the spirit man) of a believer in Christ Jesus. Holy Spirit dwells inside your spirit man and can influence your will, emotions, and desires if you allow Him. This is where you develop purity. You can commune with God in this Kingdom through the help of Holy Spirit without opening your mouth. (Inward conversation).

The inner Kingdom (spirit man) can allow Holy Spirit to detect pride, envy, jealousy, lust and all the invisible sin that cannot be seen or sensed through our natural physical senses. God analyzes our actions in this realm. For example, hatred is seen as murder in this Kingdom. Passionately looking at a man or a woman to lust

after them is seen as fornication in this realm. Looking down on someone or seeing yourself as better than everyone else is seen as pride in this realm. The inner Kingdom controls our character and disposition in the visible Kingdom.

3) The Visible Kingdom

Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

The visible Kingdom involves the association of one or more Christians. When Christians meet or gather in the name of Jesus Christ, the church meets. During praise and worship, Holy Spirit is always available to mediate on behalf of the church. Under the old covenant, the temple was divided into three sections. The outer court, the inner court, and the Holy of Holies. The outer court was reserved for the Gentiles, the inner court for the children of God and the Holy of Holies for the High Priests whenever they had to go and offer sacrifices for the sin of the people.

When Jesus Christ died at the cross, He broke that limitation allowing everyone who believes in Him to access the throne room of God. The blood of Jesus opened the Gate of Grace to all men. As born-again believers, we can now access the throne of God through the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Kingdom governance

Just like the earthly Kingdom, the Kingdom of God is governed by a constitution. It is compiled in a book that we call the **Holy Bible**. It was written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

The apostle Paul says, "All Scripture is *inspired* by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16).

The Biblical word for 'inspired' means Scripture is "breathed out" by God. Apostle Peter describes this process like this in 2 Peter 1:20-21, "First of all, you should know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead men spoke from God as they were moved by the Holy Spirit". God breathed out His Word by using godly men to write down exactly what He wanted them to write.

God's Word is inspired

When we say that the Bible is inspired, we mean that God is its definitive author. While God used human beings to record his words, it is God himself who is behind what they wrote. God didn't just inspire the big ideas behind the Bible, but the very words of Scripture.

God's Word is Inerrant

When we say the Bible is **inerrant**, we mean God used human authors to pen exactly what he wanted, without any mixture of error. God used these men – with all of their personalities, their writing styles, their accumulated vocabularies, their life experiences, their illustrations and metaphors – to express His message, as He wanted it, yet without error.

God's Word is Infallible

When we say the Bible is **infallible**, we mean that God's Word is incapable of error. Because God is perfect, so is His revelation of himself. God's Word will accomplish exactly what God wants it to, "My word that comes from My mouth will not return to Me empty, but it will accomplish what I please and will prosper in what I send it to do" (Isaiah. 55:11).

What we believe about God and what we believe about the Bible are intertwined and cannot be separated. What we know about God comes from the Bible. Scripture says God cannot lie (Hebrews 6:18). If the Bible is God's Word to us, and if He cannot lie, then His Word also must be incapable of error.

The Christian begins with the commitment that God exists and that He has revealed himself. The Bible is a coherent story, written by 40 authors, in three languages, over 1,500 years. It makes sense of the world we live in, where the world came from, and what it means to be human.