

The background of the image is a repeating pattern of various tropical leaves, including palm fronds and monstera leaves, in shades of light green and teal. The leaves are scattered across the entire frame, creating a lush, jungle-like atmosphere.

**The Gift of the God's Kingdom—  
Enjoy it**

## The Kingdom's Arrival & Its Nature

**Matt. 3:2 and 4:17—both John  
and Jesus' first message:  
"Repent, for the kingdom of God  
is here/near/among/within you"**

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**The Kingdom  
of God in OT  
Prophecy--  
Daniel  
7:13,14,18**

.13"I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man was coming with the clouds of heaven! He came up to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.

.14--And to Him was given dominion, glory, and kingship, that all people groups, nations, and native speakers would worship Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom one that shall never be destroyed."

.18--"But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever."

**The Kingdom of  
God is a Spiritual  
Reality, not a  
Geographic/Political One**

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**John 18:36**—(In answer to Pilate’s question, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ -- “Jesus said, ‘My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom was of this world, then my servants would have put up a good fight to keep me out of the hands of the Jews. But my kingdom is not from here.’”

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**Luke 17:20**—“Now having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, ‘The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be seen with the eyes. Nor will people say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or There it is!’ For the kingdom of God is among/within you (because of My presence—Amplified Bible’ ”

**Kingdom  
Power  
Flow:  
Spiritual  
Effects,  
Kingdom  
Leaven**

**Luke 11:20**--“If I cast out demons by the power (finger) of God, then the kingdom of God has arrived among you.”

**Matt. 13:33**—“The kingdom of heaven (God) is yeast (leaven)...” The kingdom’s reality (the leaven of the kingdom) flows along relationships and through the dynamics of relationships—Come and see!

# The Kingdom is The Father's Gift to Us; We Should Enjoy It!

**Luke 12:32**-- “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is the Father’s good pleasure (the Father is delighted) to give you the kingdom.”

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism* -- “What is the chief end of man?” – “*Man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.*” – we are made to enjoy God—And we are to enjoy those “things” He gives us in His kingdom!

**1 Tim. 6:17**—“As for the rich in this present age, instruct them not to arrogant, or to place their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God, who generously gives us *all things to enjoy.*”

## Some Blessings of The Kingdom

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**Ps. 103:2**—"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget any of His benefits" (blessings/kindnesses) – the contents of His kingdom! -.3-.5 --forgiveness, healing, rescue, ruling authority, "satisfaction with good things," and even physical renewal!

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**Romans 14:17**—"For the kingdom of God is not (does not have to do) with what you eat or drink, but about righteousness/goodness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit"



**Our  
Experience:  
Kingdom  
Righteousness**

Ro. 3:22—"We are ***made right with God*** by placing our faith in Christ Jesus..."

Def.—word means the state or condition of one who exists as accepted by and acceptable to God; "A deep-down sense of well-being that abides in the heart of the those who know that all is well between themselves and the Lord."



- **2 Co. 5:21**—"For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him ***we might become the righteousness of God.***"
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- **What does this His righteousness in us feel like?** – being "at home, at one, purified and accepted by God—that I'm "accepted in the Beloved!"-- knowing that God loves, cares for, leads, protects, and uses us for His good purposes, and showers us with blessings—

# Our Experience: Kingdom Peace – (Grk: *Eirene*)

## Jesus--the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)

- **Definition**—from a Greek root word meaning “to re-connect or bind together (reconcile) what has been separated or divided —the opposite of division or dissension, of strife and war; a sense of inner rest, well-being, and harmony between one’s self and God and others/ peace is the result of reconciliation; -- a condition of freedom from disturbance, both outwardly through enemies, and inwardly, within the spirit and soul; synonymous with *shalome*—health, well-being, prosperity--
- “In the Bible, peace means not simply the freedom from trouble or agitation, but the presence of all good, total well-being, everything that makes for a person’s highest good.”

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- **Phil. 4:6-7**—"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything, continue to make your needs known to God; then you will experience **God's own (inherent) peace**, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace stands guard over your hearts (your entire inner life) and your minds as you live in Christ Jesus."
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- **John 14:27**—"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you."
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- **John 16:33**—"...in Me you may have peace; in the world you will have trouble..." --- peace is in Him as we "abide" (live, make our home) in Jesus!

- **How Is Kingdom Peace**
- **Imparted and Maintained?**
- **How Do You "Abide" in His Peace?**

## ■ **Peace in Tough Situations:**

- **Ps. 23: 5** “You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies.”
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  - **How to Stay in the Peace Given By the Spirit**
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  - **Phi. 4:7** His peace rules and guards our souls and our thoughts
- Isaiah 57:21--** “There is no peace for the wicked

## Our Experience: Kingdom Joy in the Holy Spirit

- **Nehemiah 8:10**--“The **joy of the Lord** is my strength” –
- **John 15:11**—“These words I have spoken to you so that **My joy may be in you**, and your joy may be made full.”
- **Amplified—1 Peter 1:8**—“Without having seen Him, you love Him; though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and exalt and thrill with **inexpressible and glorious (triumphant, heavenly) joy.**”

## Definition of Joy

Grk: "*chara*" – the human spirit's emotion of inner gladness, delight, rejoicing

a feeling of delighted "happiness" that is dependent on relationship with God, not how well circumstances are going.

"Joy is an inner gladness, a deep-seated pleasure, a depth of assurance and confidence that ignites a cheerful heart."



# We Are Called to Enjoy The Father's Gift of The Kingdom!

**Kingdom blessings are ours: righteousness, peace and joy! Kingdom here, now—enjoy!**

**Mark 10:15--** “I tell you the truth, the one who does not receive the kingdom of God like a young child will not enter into it.”

**Being grateful always—** for all good things given to us—for breath, for existence, for relationships, for tasks to accomplish, for His presence and His power!

**1 Thess. 5:18--** “In all things, give thanks...”

**Receive, rest in, be in** in kingdom reality –  
saturate/soak in God

- **John G. Lake**—“The secret of heaven’s power is not in the doing, but in the being.”
- **Ps. 46:10**—“Be still and know that I am God.”
- **Isaiah 30:15**—“In repentance and rest is your salvation. Stillness and trusting confidence will be your strength.”