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Message Series: What Really Matters

Today's Message: The Kingdom Gospel

Liberation Theology: Some Thoughts:

- 1) "A movement that emphasizes liberation from oppression as an anticipation of ultimate salvation."
- 2) "There are only two alternatives for humanity: socialism or barbarism" ~Marx
- 3) "Marxism is all powerful - because it is true." ~Lenin
- 4) "Socialism is not utopian but a necessity" ~Woods
- * The faith in utopia and the cult of violent action: utopianism thru immediate violence.
- 5) Book— "Socialism-Utopian and Scientific" ~Engels
- 6) "Religion is the opium of the masses", "Religion is the soul of soulless conditions" ~Karl Marx

Note: Over 120 million killed during 100 years of Communism.

1. The World's Need: The Kingdom Gospel

Jesus' First Words About the Gospel: "The Kingdom of God is at hand" Mark 1:15

Jesus spoke about God's Kingdom more than 100 times during his ministry

Acts 1:3

Luke 9:59, 60

Luke 9:61, 62

Luke 9:51

"Kingdom of God" - the rule of God; the restoration of God's rule over all things, God's people in God's place under God's rule.

Two Truths: 1) Since creation God's rule has been constant in the heavenly realm (as it has always) But not so here on earth.

Matthew 6:10

Romans 8:18, 22, 23

2) Since sin came (the fall), God has been at work to restore this fallen world under His absolute, sovereign rule. Matthew 28:18

2. When You Love The King—You Yearn For His Kingdom

Luke 4:43

Luke 4:18, 19, 21, 32

A Life of Loyalty—we take our eyes off ourselves and today's darkness and focus them on Jesus Christ 1 John 2:18-20, 28

The Life of Victory 2 Cor. 4:4, 6-10 Luke 22:53 Col. 1:13, 17,18,23,28,29