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Aloha everyone! Today we are focusing on three things the church is to proclaim to the world on behalf of the kingdom, it is the message, the mission and the motive. The first is the message. It is the gospel, the good news of our salvation that is available to everyone. Christ instructed us to "repent for the kingdom of God has come near!" The second is to inform the world of our kingdom mission and that is to preach the good news to all nations. The third is that our motive in sharing the gospel to all nations will usher in the end of this world leading us into "oneness" with Christ.

As we look at the good news, we see two parts to the declaration. The first is to repent, which simply means to experience metanoia, or "a change of mind." The bible urges us to have a change of thought in the way we perceive things throughout our daily lives. God's Word is to become foundational for our worldview and to allow it to filter what we discern as truth as believers. In our effort to understand the world around us we must put on the mind of Christ. Only then we are able to understand the world around us from the kingdom's point of view allowing us to communicate the gospel to the unchurched that they may be churchied. Notice the gospel states clearly, that the kingdom of God has come near and not now. The question that is presented then is "when will the kingdom come in it's full manifested glory?" Jesus gives us a clear directive found in Matthew 28.

¹⁸ "Then Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age"

(Matthew 28:18-20 HCSB).

We therefore know, that the kingdom will be established in full manifested glory once people of all nations, countries and ethnic groups will have heard the gospel. We as a church, must continue to pray that all who hear will receive Christ as Lord, though we know there are those that reject the invitation.

Jesus boldly stated that all authority (*exousia*) is His alone. He, therefore is fully aware, fully acknowledges and fully affirms everything happening in our world, good or bad. We see wars, rumors of wars, conflicts, famine and natural disasters.

Some may ask, "How can Christ allow such things to happen? How can He approve it all?" The answer lies in His authority. We have the choice to accept it or not.