



Welcome to Worship

Sanford church of Christ

A floating island with a castle and a bright sky. The island is a dark, rocky plateau with a large, golden castle on top. The castle has a prominent spire and is surrounded by smaller buildings. The island is set against a bright, glowing sky with a blue and white color palette. The sky is filled with clouds and a bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, which creates a lens flare effect. The overall scene is fantastical and dramatic.

CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM



What kind of Kingdom did Jesus establish in the first century?



“The Keys of The Kingdom”

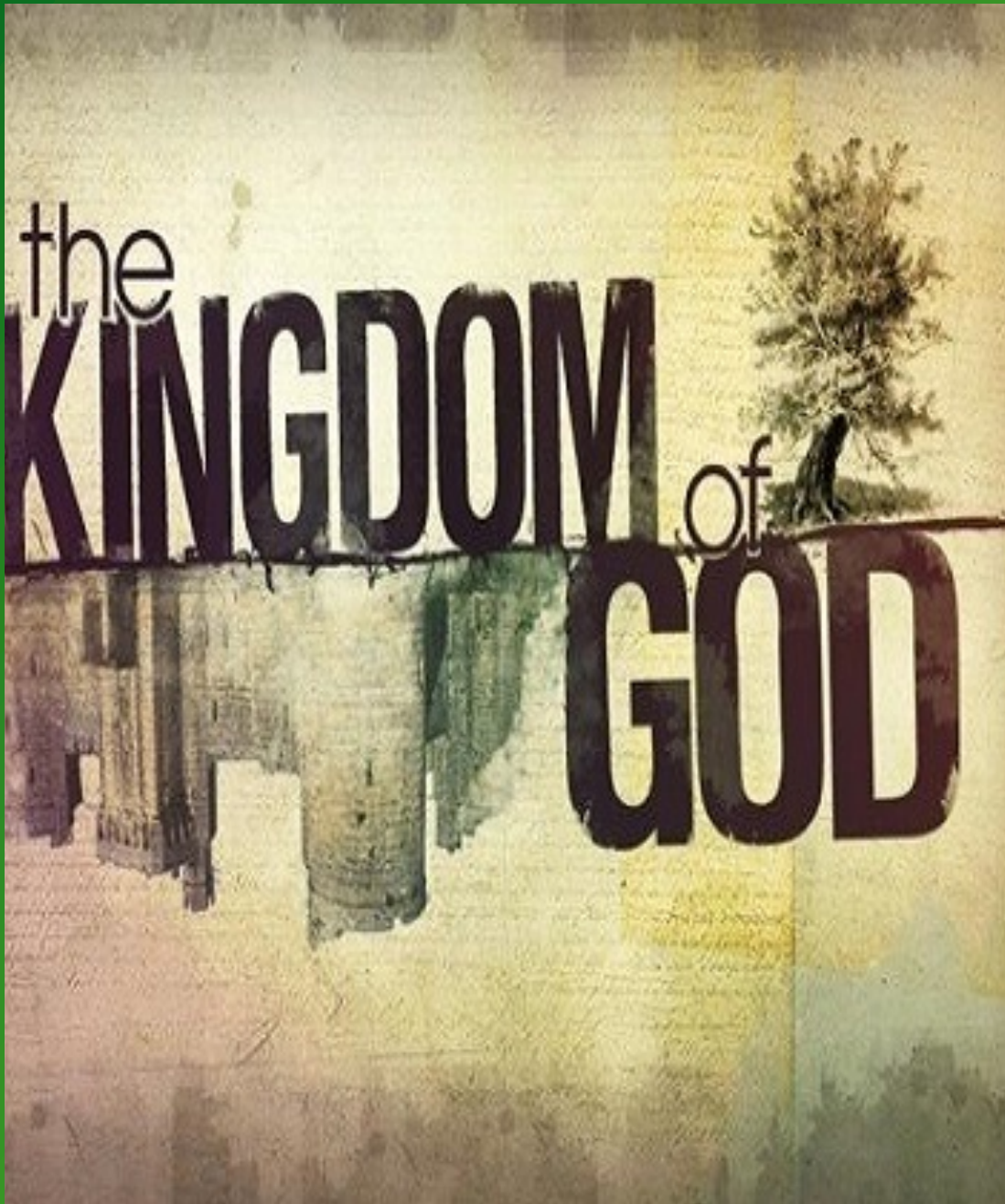
Matthew 16:19-20



“THERE BE SOME STANDING HERE, WHICH SHALL NOT TASTE OF DEATH, TILL THEY SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN HIS KINGDOM.” (MATT 16:28)

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- It's oneness!
- It's entrance has but one door!
- **It's organization!**
 - Ephesians 1:22 – 23
 - Ephesians 5:23 – 24
 - Acts 14:23
 - Philippians 1:1
 - Titus 1:5

Who are elders?

- Acts 20:17
- Acts 20:28
- Names of the local leadership of each congregation:
 - Elders – Presbyters
 - Bishops – Overseers
 - Shepherds – Pastors


What are the qualifications of elders?

(1 Timothy 3:1 – 7; Titus 1:5 – 9)

- Above Reproach
- Husband of one wife
- Temperate
- Prudent
- Respectable
- Hospitable
- Able to Teach
- Not Addicted to wine
- Not Pugnacious
- Gentle
- Uncontentious
- Not Greedy
- A Good Manager of his own household
- Obedient, Believing Children
- A Seasoned Follower of Christ
- A good reputation in the community

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- 1 Peter 5:1 – 5
- Hebrews 13:17
- James 5:14
- 1 Timothy 5:19



Who are
deacons?

- Philippians 1:1
- 1 Timothy 3:8 – 13

The Qualifications of Deacons

- Honorable
 - Not double-tongued
 - Not addicted to wine
 - Not Greedy
 - Faithful with a clear conscience
- Tested
 - Deacons' wives are also to be honorable, and not gossips
 - Their wives must also be Temperate and Faithful
 - Husbands of only one wife
 - Good managers of their own families

Ephesians 4:11-14

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

A hand holding a glowing city on a cliff against a cosmic sky. The city is illuminated with a golden light, and a bright light source is visible behind it. The sky is filled with blue and green nebulae and stars. The hand is dark and appears to be holding the city from below.

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Are you a citizen of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ?