

DARE TO WONDER: *What Is the Realm of God?*
Matthew 5:1-11 and Galatians 5:22-26

- i. Pentecost Sunday
- ii. Pentecost is a shedding of the skin of the old in favor of God's new Holy Spirit wind/way.
 - a. Romans 12:1-2 - "keep being transformed"
 - b. Cry of the Reformation: reformed and always being reformed.
 - c. Constantly stretching into God's way in the world. Nothing is ever settled until God says it is.

I. THE REALM OF GOD IS NOT...

- A. A country, nation-state or any geopolitical ideology.
- B. A continual evolutionary progress and the ultimate goodness of humanity.
- C. One person/ethnicity, one church or one denomination.
- D. An emotion, a sentiment or a feeling in your heart.
- E. Customer Service Representatives for God.
- F. Fully realized but somewhat so.

II. RISKING WHAT THE REALM OF GOD IS in today's language...

- A. A mesh blanket covering and infiltrating the entire cosmos so that whatever God wants to happen, happens.
- B. A risking definition:
Under the sovereignty of the Cosmic Christ, the Holy Spirit of God indwells a Cosmic Church, a people movement that seeks to stretch into becoming the hands and feet of Christ allowing all people to flourish as they come back to themselves created with dignity and worth in God's eyes by dismantling: injustice, structural evil, personal evil, prejudice, bigotry, racism, ageism, sexism, misogyny, one nation over any other, economic injustice, nationalisms, environmental plundering, hatred, war, resentment, power to control. (Feel free to add or delete according to the Scriptures.)

III. A FEW MARKS OF THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES YOU WILL SEE PRACTICED...

- A. Matthew 5:1-11 - let God be God and not act like one myself, cry at the things God cries at, do not fight back with words or actions when every ounce of me wants to resist, struggle to listen and learn what is right in God's eyes not my own tweet, show compassion always, strive for purity of heart, make peace where there is struggle.
- B. Galatians 5:22-26 - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- C. Not every one of us will be able to enact all of these but the people movement collectively will be able to enact these and more....
- D. If any church or groups of churches doesn't participate, God will go around the church/es because there is always the Church working with the Realm of God.

The world needs it and God's glory requires this. God help us all!