The Kingdom of God Part 4

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What Constitutes a Kingdom?

• A King God (Matt.6:33)

• Subjects The Church (John 3:3-5)

• Territory The Hearts of Men (Lk. 17:20-21)

• Laws The Teaching of Jesus (Matt. 28:18-20)

Understanding the Kingdom

- The "kingdom of heaven" is "the kingdom of God"
- God's dwelling place is called "heaven" (Mt. 5:16)
- The kingdom of heaven is also future (Mt. 8:11)
- Only Matthew uses the term "kingdom of heaven"

- The kingdom of God is the government of God (Is. 9:6-7)
- The church taught the kingdom of God (Acts 19:8)
- Our top priority is to bring ourselves under the government of God (Matt. 6:33)
- We enter the kingdom by faith (John 3:16, Rom.10:9)
- But come under God's government through obedience (Luke 6:46; Acts 5:29; Heb. 5:9; 1 John. 2:17)
- God governs through His word (Gen.2:16-17; Deut. 4:2; Isaiah 8:20; Matt. 4:6; Acts 6:7, 13:46; Rom. 15:18)
- False religious leaders do not bring people under the government of God because they themselves are not under God's government (Matt. 23:13)

Entering the Kingdom (Present)

- We can only enter the kingdom by the new birth experience (John 3:5; Matt. 18:3; 1 Peter 1:23)
- This is accomplished by repenting and believing the gospel message (Mark 1:15)
- We are then transferred to a new sphere of authority (Col. 1:13)
- Water baptism is the public declaration that we have entered into the kingdom of God (Acts 8:12)
- Trust in anything other than God hinders entrance into the kingdom (Mark 10:23-24)

Entering the Kingdom (Future)

- Matt. 5:3-12
- Matt. 5:20
- Matt. 7:21
- Luke 13:28-29
- Acts 14:22
- 1 Cor. 6:9-10
- 1 Cor. 15:50
- Gal. 5:19-21
- James 2:5
- Matt. 25:31-40

Establishing the Kingdom

- By word and deed (Rom. 15:18)
- By teaching, preaching, and healing (Matt. 4:23)
- By telling the truth (Rom. 6:17-18)
- By refuting error (Matt. 15:1-14; Acts 5:1-2)
- By proclaiming the kingdom (Matt. 10:7)
- By demonstrating the power of the kingdom (Matt. 10:8)
- By following the plan of the King (Matt. 28:19-20)
 - 1. Go

3. Baptize

2. Disciple

4. Teach