

## Episode #422 The Kingdom of God 5 – The Kingdom in the New Testament

I. As expressed in my message on “The Theme of the Bible,” I believe that the Kingdom of God is the theme of the Word of God. Christ is the Main Character, and salvation is the most crucial first thing for us to know, true. Yet the Kingdom of God is the ultimate theme of all God has written. We will now study that theme, and see what God teaches about His Kingdom.

II. The phrase “the kingdom of God” is the New Testament name for the future period when God will take control of the earth’s governments and rule and reign over the earth. Yet just because it is a New Testament phrase, that does not mean that it is not an Old Testament concept. There are a thousand-and-one passages in the Old Testament that set forth the same idea. In fact, the very first promise in the Old Testament, Genesis 3:15, relates to the Kingdom of God.

III. But let us prove the importance of the Kingdom by taking a survey of the New Testament use of the phrase “the kingdom of God” to show its prominence and importance.

IV. The kingdom in the gospels.

- A. Matthew 3:1-2. The kingdom was the theme of John the Baptist’s preaching.
- B. Mark 1:14-15. The Lord Jesus preached that the kingdom of God was at hand.
- C. Matthew 5:3 & 10. Those commended in the “sermon on the mount” are to inherit it.
- D. Matthew 6:33. The disciples were to seek first the kingdom of God.
- E. Matthew 7:21. The one who does the will of the Father will enter the kingdom.
- F. Luke 4:43. Preaching the kingdom of God was the reason He had been sent.
- G. Luke 8:1. The kingdom of God was the subject of the Lord’s preaching.
- H. Luke 9:1-2. The Lord sent the twelve to preach the kingdom of God.
- I. Luke 10:8-9. The Lord sent the seventy to proclaim the nearness of the kingdom.
- J. Luke 11:2. Disciples were to pray for the kingdom to come. (They knew what it was)
- K. Luke 13:28. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the prophets will be in the kingdom of God.
- L. Luke 22:29-30. The kingdom was bestowed on the disciples.
- M. Luke 23:50-51. Godly Joseph of Arimathea was waiting for the kingdom of God.

V. The kingdom in the parables.

- A. Matthew 13:19. The word of the kingdom is the subject of the parable of the sower.
- B. Matthew 13:24. The kingdom is the subject of the parable of the wheat and the tares.
- C. Matthew 13:31. The kingdom is the subject of the parable of the mustard seed.
- D. Matthew 13:33. The kingdom of God is the subject of the parable of the leaven.
- E. Matthew 13:44. The kingdom is the subject of the parable of the hidden treasure.
- F. Matthew 13:45. The kingdom is the subject of the parable of the pearl of great price.
- G. Matthew 13:47. The kingdom of God is the subject of the parable of the dragnet.
- H. Matthew 21:43. The kingdom is the subject of the parable of the wicked vinedressers.
- I. Matthew 22:2. The kingdom of God is the subject of the parable of the wedding feast.
- J. Matthew 25:1. It is the subject of the parable of the wise and foolish virgins.
- K. Mark 4:26. The kingdom of God is the subject of the parable of the growing seed.

VI. The kingdom beyond the gospels.

- A. Acts 1:3. The kingdom was Christ’s subject for forty days after the resurrection.
- B. Acts 8:12. The kingdom was the subject of Philip the evangelist’s ministry in Samaria.
- C. Acts 14:22. The kingdom of God was the hope Paul set before those who believed.
- D. Acts 19:8. The kingdom of God was the subject of Paul’s ministry in Ephesus.
- E. Acts 20:25-27. Paul was innocent because he had preached the kingdom to them.
- F. Acts 28:23. Paul testified the kingdom of God to the Jewish leaders in Rome.

- G. Acts 28:30-31. Paul taught the kingdom of God for two years in Rome.
  - H. I Corinthians 6:9-10. Paul held out the hope of the kingdom to the Corinthians.
  - I. I Corinthians 15:50. Inheriting the kingdom is what the Corinthians should desire.
  - J. Galatians 5:21. Inheriting the kingdom is what the Galatians should desire.
  - K. I Thessalonians 2:10-12. God had called the Thessalonians into His Own kingdom.
  - L. II Thessalonians 1:5. The hope of the Thessalonians was to be worthy of the kingdom
  - M. Ephesians 5:5. An inheritance in the kingdom of God was the hope of the Ephesians.
  - N. Colossians 4:11. Paul labored on behalf of the kingdom of God.
  - O. II Timothy 4:1. Paul looked forward to the kingdom in his last book written.
  - P. II Timothy 4:18. Paul's own hope at the close of his ministry was the kingdom.
  - Q. Hebrews 12:28. The author of Hebrews looked forward to receiving the kingdom.
  - R. James 2:5. James speaks of the promise of the kingdom for those who love God.
  - S. II Peter 1:11. Peter promises entrance into the kingdom of our Lord and Savior.
  - T. Revelation 1:9. John was laboring for the kingdom.
  - U. Revelation 11:15. The kingdom is the promise of Revelation.
  - V. Revelation 12:10. The coming of the kingdom of God is the endgame of Revelation.
- VII. By now my point should be made. The kingdom of God is the goal from Matthew to Revelation. It jumps at us from every page. No dispensational change alters this in the slightest.
- VIII. Conclusion: In light of all this, can anyone truly preach the Word of God and not preach the Kingdom?