

**Lesson 3****The Kingdom of God****I. In Government, God's Church is a Kingdom:**

- A. Kingdom preached at hand (Matt. 3:2; Mark 1:14-15).
- B. Parables set forth Church as Kingdom (Matt. 13:24, 44, 45, 47).
- C. Apostles given authority in Kingdom (Matt. 16:18-19; 19:28).
- D. People alive in time of Christ were to witness coming of Kingdom (Mark 9:1; Luke 9:27; 12:31-32).
- E. A spiritual Kingdom—not earthly (John 18:36; Rom. 14: 17; 1 Cor. 4:20; Luke 17:20-21).
- F. After day of Pentecost and coming of Holy Spirit, Kingdom spoken of as in existence (Acts 8:12; 20:25; 28:23, 31; Col. 1:13; 1 Thess. 2:12).
- G. In coming unto the Church, we receive the Kingdom (Heb. 12:22-28).
- H. Lord's Supper is in the Kingdom (Luke 22:16-18; 29-30).

**II. Christ as King:**

- A. By His own teaching and acknowledgment (Luke 23:1-3; John 18:37).
- B. He conquered in becoming King (Heb. 2:9, 14-15; Rev. 1:18; 1 John 3:8; Matt. 12:24-29; Luke 11:17-22; 10:17-19).
- C. His territory (Luke 4:5-8) was wrested from Satan (Matt. 28:18-20; Rev. 1:5-9).
- D. His authority and throne (Luke 1:32-33; Eph. 1:18-23; 1 Tim. 6:15; 1 Pet. 3:22).
- E. His law (John 12:48; 1:17; 17:8; 1 Cor. 9:21; 1 John 4:6).

**III. Essentials of Citizenship in God's Kingdom:**

- A. Enter by new birth (John 3:5; Acts 2:36-41).
- B. Must do God's will (Matt. 7:21).
- C. Center affections on heavenly things (Phil. 3:12-15; Col. 3:1-4).
- E. Greatness in Kingdom measured by service rendered (Matt. 20:20-28).
- F. Must be united (Luke 11:17).
- G. Requires sacrifice (Mark 10:23-31).
- H. Receive as little child (Mark 10:15).

**IV. The Final Picture (Matt. 13:36-43; 25:31-46; 2 Thess. 1:7-8, 10).****Questions for Discussion:**

1. What feature of the Church is emphasized in the fact that it is a Kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the nature of this form of government? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Who is the King? How did He become King? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. How complete is His power and authority? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How do we become citizens of Christ's Kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. When did Christ become King (Eph. 1:18-19)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What is the law in Christ's Kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Whose authority must be recognized exclusively in the Kingdom of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. What are some of the obligations of citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. How is success in the Kingdom measured? \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. What will become of those in the Kingdom who give offense? \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Is the Kingdom of Christ spiritual or earthly (John 18:36)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. How extensive is Christ's dominion now (Rev. 1:5; 1 Pet. 3:22; Eph. 1:20-23)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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