

Jesus is King the idea of KINGDOM is HIS Rule, HIS Reign, HIS Dominion unless the context like in Rev 5 indicates HIS Realm.

Rev 5:10; "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and THEY WILL REIGN upon the earth."

How can we be reigning now? We have the power through the gospel of life and death.

It is a message that can bring life or judgment. It is our message and our responsibility to proclaim it.

That ALL may see JESUS lifted up as Lord and King in their lives.

What is the proof of all this?

Jesus MIRACLES are one of
the PROOFS of His Divine Authority.

Jesus says "I say unto you."
56 times in the book of Mathew.
(12 times in the Sermon on the Mount.)

Jesus said "They say unto you BUT I SAY."
Who is this I? Jesus is the Son of GOD.

IS JESUS A LIAR?
Or DID HE TELL THE TRUTH?
What would prove it :- THE MIRACLES.

Christ's claims to have Kingdom Authority & Power. Jesus' claim to be God who became the Son of God.

John says:- John 1:1-2;
"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God."

"He created everything there is—nothing exists that He didn't make."

John 1:14; "And (the Word) the Christ became a human being and lived here on earth among us and was full of loving forgiveness and truth.

And some of us have seen His glory, the glory of the only Son of the heavenly Father!"

Jesus claimed to be God:- Deity.

John 5:18; "For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God His own Father, thereby making Himself equal to God."

John 8:58; "Jesus:- The absolute truth is that I was in existence before Abraham was ever born!""

John 10:30-33; "The Jews answered Him,
"We are stoning you, not for doing a good work,
but for blasphemy; though you are only a man,
you claim to be God."

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Jesus claimed to be God:- Son of God.

John 10:36; "why do you call it blasphemy when the Holy One who was sent into the world by the Father says, "I am the Son of God"?

Jesus claimed to be the JUDGE of all mankind.

John 5:27; "The Father gave the Son authority to judge, because He is the Son of Man."

John12:48; "The person who rejects Me and does not accept My words has something to condemn him-the very message which I spoke. That message will condemn him on the last day."

In Jesus Kingdom He controls all things Lk 4 16-30;? v18 "the spirit of the lord is upon me, because he anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, 19. To proclaim the favourable year of the lord."

John 10:22; "All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."

Matt 21:14-15; "And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were shouting in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became indignant."

Jesus in John 6:38; "I am come down from heaven." Or phrases like John 20:21; "My Father has sent me." Jesus uses this type of phrase over 40 times!

We begin to get the idea that John is trying to tell us That Jesus is on a DIVINE MISSION from God!

There is the claim over 40 times in John how many more times in His entire ministry?

So when we look at all of this Christ claims to have kingdom authority while on earth. WHY? In order to prove to them His claim.

Jesus miraculous signs were works of God.
John 20:30-31; The miracles are signs
that the claims Jesus made were TRUE!

Jesus MANIFESTS (shows) His Sovereign power in the miracles that He did.
This shows He was the Christ the Son of God.

Jesus Reign is demonstrated in His ability to heal disease. Matt 4:23;

"Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people."

Jesus In John 2:1-11; changes water into wine. Demonstrating Power over natural law.

Jesus in John 4:46-53; Jesus heals a Nobleman's son. He did this from a distance of over 20 miles away.

Jesus in John 6:1; Jesus feeds five thousand.

John 6:15; The people's response
they came with force to make Him a king!

The Jews are saying do you see what I see?

Look at that He is not running out of bread and fish!

Give Him one fish, what can He feed? An Army.

Give Him one canteen of water He can water an army

Give Him one horse He could put

every one of us on a horse!

Give Him one mace, one sword, one bow, He can multiply them:- "so THEY CAME BY FORCE."

They BELIEVED what they saw Jesus could do! If Jesus can do all these things He has the power to take on Rome and free them from their bondage.

Jesus in 6:16; came walking on the water.

John 9:1 Jesus healed the blind man.
In chapter 11:1 Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

In John 20:31; "These have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name."

# Jesus reign is recognised in His power.

His Reign is demonstrated in His power to exorcise Demons. Matt 12:22;

Jesus has been casting out demons the Pharisees cannot argue against what they see are the results so they try to create doubt over where Jesus has His power, His authority from.

Jesus responds in Matt 12:28; "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."

The church had not been established yet but Jesus Is demonstrating that His kingdom, His Sovereign rule has come and is being demonstrated.

All this foundation was laid by Jesus so that when Pentecost came and Peter said:-

Acts 2:22-23; "Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended (approved) to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through Him when He was among you, as you know."

So they had no problem when Peter v38 said "repent and be baptised" they said we will do that because:-

We want to be in that Kingdom!
WE want to be under the reign
of the one approved by God!
We want to be added to the assembly/ family of God.

Jesus not only had the power to exercise demons.

Jesus had the power to forgive sins.

Peter said:- Acts 2:38; "Repent and be baptised FOR (to receive) the forgiveness of Your sins." 3,000 Jews responded and were added to the family of God, the church.

Why did 3,000 Jews respond in faithful obedience?

BECAUSE they accepted Jesus

as their SOVEREIGN GOD.

By Acts 4; it is estimated that 15,000 Jews had accepted Jesus and claimed forgiveness. WHY?

Because they had seen Jesus walk on water, change water to wine, heal the sick, raise the dead, manifest His power, confirm His claim.

Jesus came to destroy Jerusalem. Mark 14:61-62;

"But He kept silent and did not answer. Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed {One?}"

62. "And Jesus said, "I am; and you shall see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

How can Jesus be seen SITTING and COMING at the same time?

Jesus was describing the destruction of Jerusalem by Jesus' servant Titus Vespasian the pagan Roman General In AD 70.

Matt 24:14; "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end (of Jerusalem) will come."

Jesus prophesied in a number of places the destruction of Jerusalem that was another claim that demonstrated who He was and that He had AUTHORITY TO REIGN.

Acts 2:23-32; This Jesus whom God exalted (raised up) to sit at His right hand.
V26 therefore:- Peter quotes from the 110 Psalm.

Jesus was raised to sit on David's throne. (2 Sam 7;)

Eph 1:18; depicts the Sovereign reign of Christ.

Paul wants us to know three things:"that you will KNOW what is the HOPE of His calling,
what are the RICHES OF THE GLORY
of His inheritance in the saints,

19. and what is the SURPASSING GREATNESS
OF HIS POWER toward us who believe."

Eph 1:19; is speaking about the POWER Jesus exercises towards the church.

Eph 1:20; "at work in Christ, the power which He exercised in raising Him from the dead and enthroning Him at His right hand, in heaven."

And there is more! v21 "far, far above any other king or ruler or dictator or leader. Yes, His honour is far more glorious than that of anyone else either in this world or in the world to come."

Jesus is head over ALL THINGS on behalf of the church, Christ is in control.

Christ's claims to have Kingdom Authority & Power.
What is the great assignment
that God has given to the church?

WORLD EVANGELISM. 1 Pet 2:9;
"But you are a chosen race, a kingdom of priests,
a holy nation, a people to be a personal possession
to sing the praises of God who called you
out of the darkness into His wonderful light."

"so that you may show to others how God called you" L.B. "tell about the wonderful things that God has done." I.S. "proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you" NAS "you may make known the perfections of Him" Weymouth

Tell about, preach about, proclaim, announce the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness and into His marvellous light." Christ's claims to have Kingdom Authority & Power.

God through Jesus Christ the King of Kings
is exercising a power that is greater
than anything humanity can conceive for the
small tea cup of a church in an ocean of humanity.

God wants us to accomplish great things and He will empower us and enable us to be able to do this:
IF we truly give our lives to His service.

# GOD'S RULE IN HIS NEW KINGDOM. We can look back now and see the prophecies of the Old Testament, listen to the teaching of Jesus while on earth, and understand that the Kingdom / church was about to become a reality. It was to be a blessing to men from then till the end of time.

JESUS'S TRIAL. Jesus knew that His ministry on earth was coming to an end, and He was preparing His apostles and disciples for the earthshaking events of the coming few days.

Jesus appreciated very much the love shown to Him by the woman who poured the expensive perfume on His head, He referred to it as a "beautiful thing."

On the other hand Jesus was sad over His coming betrayal by Judas.

Matthew 26:6-13; "to prepare me for burial." Matthew 26:20-25; "one of you shall betray Me." Matt 26:36-45; "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow."

Matt 26:47-67; "Those who arrested Jesus took Him to Caiaphas."

Matt 27:1-10; "come to the decision to put Jesus to death."

Jesus' prayers to His father were also sad. He took His closest apostles with Him into the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.

### GOD'S RULE IN HIS NEW KINGDOM.

Jesus asked that, "this cup" or the ordeal ahead might be avoided but added, "not as I will but as you will" showing His complete submission and love for God, His father.

The arrest and trial before Caiaphas, the high priest, was a farce, showing the evil minds of the Jewish leaders. Here they had before them the Son of God, who had lived among them for several years.

They knew of Jesus' miracles and teachings, but they had closed their minds to the truth, and condemned Jesus to death, this same kind of closed mind is keeping many today, from accepting Jesus.

Because the Jews were under Roman rule, they should not carry out the sentence of death.

They had to take Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor. Pilate was not convinced that Jesus should die, but he finally agreed to His death to keep peace among the Jews and to protect himself from their lies.

The preparation for death by crucifixion was painful and degrading, add to this the sorrow of Jesus knowing that all His friends had by now deserted Him, Jesus had to go through the trial with no one other than His heavenly father.

THE CRUCIFIXION. During the walk from Pilate's judgement hall to the place of crucifixion, the suffering and ridicule continued.

Nor did it stop after Jesus was on the cross.

One of the criminals crucified along with Jesus also ridiculed Jesus while the second criminal rebuked the first and asked that Jesus would remember him when He came into His Kingdom.

From this statement it is obvious that the second criminal recognized Jesus as the Messiah.

Jesus responded that he would that day be with Jesus in Paradise.

Jesus saw his mother standing, watching, so calling from the cross, Jesus placed His mother into the care of John. Jesus also prays father forgive them for they know not what they do.

These three acts of Love demonstrated from the cross in the last minutes of Jesus life show us His great love, care, and compassion for all men.

After Jesus death the soldiers pierce His side with their spear. In Jesus we see the perfect sacrifice. That he laid down His life for us all.

Luke 23:26-49; "Remember me when you come into your kingdom."

John 19:16-37; "It is finished."

#### THE BURIAL OF JESUS.

A man named Joseph, a member of the council did not consent to his death and asked Pilate for permission to bury Jesus.

Helped by others, Jesus' body was placed in a new tomb which had been cut into the stone wall of a garden.

Then a large stone was rolled against the tomb entrance. Pilate granted the Jews request to place a seal and a guard on the tomb to keep Jesus' body from being removed.

#### THE RESURRECTION.

At the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb with spices to anoint the body.

When they arrived the stone had been rolled away from the entrance, and an angel told them that Jesus had gone into Galilee and that they would see Him there.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was the worlds greatest event in history, for many men can effect the physical lives of men, but Jesus affects us both Physically and spiritually.

Jesus had overcome Satan by living a sinless life and now He had dealt Satan a crushing blow by His resurrection from the dead. Heb 2:12-14;

DEATH had entered by Adam and been CRUSHED by Jesus. The resurrection gives us all the HOPE of ETERNAL LIFE with God.

We can share the joy of the early disciples, because Jesus has risen. 1 Cor 15:1-12;

During the next 40 days many others met and talked with Jesus, not in private visions, but in groups of three, four, twelve and even hundreds at the same time.

Many who had doubted before now realised that Jesus was the Messiah.

The new age of God's forgiving Love had entered in, and nothing will overcome the kingdom that Jesus has established by His death burial and resurrection.

We have a saviour who has made the supreme sacrifice for our sins, and has made eternal life available for everyone.

Matthew 28:1-20; "He has risen from the dead!" Luke 24:1-49; "Look at my hands and feet!"

The ultimate climax to Jesus' three year ministry, death on the cross, and resurrection, came when Jesus blessed His disciples and ascended into heaven.

At His ascension Jesus gave His disciples a very important charge:-

Matthew 28:19; "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,."

Luke 24:50-53; "and he left them and was taken up into heaven."

Acts 1:1-14; "and you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes."

THE DAY OF PENTECOST. Fifty days after the celebration of the Israelites Passover, the feast of Pentecost was held as a day of Joy, and expression of gratitude for the grain harvest.

Every male was required to appear at the Temple. This meant that Israelites from every nation attended this annual gathering.

This was the day selected by God to announce to the world the New kingdom the Church to be ruled by Jesus Christ. Eph 5:23;

It was ideal because it was told to Jews from every Nation who would take the message back home with them.

# Jesus is King.

Acts 2:1-4; The apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, which enabled them to speak for God in every language.

Here in Jerusalem it was mayhem because it was a special feast day and people would be crowding together like you see on TV when you see Mecca on a busy day and people have often died in the crush of the crowd.

This unusual sound in 2:2; has a result in 2:6; It drew a large crowd together to see what was happening.

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In this way everyone present heard what was happening in his own dialect, language.

16 Nations found they were able to understand, there were probably 9 languages involves as some nations would understand the same language.

The apostle Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and spoke to this crowd.

Peter delivered a magnificent speech, announcing the grace of God and the gospel of that grace to the world.

## Acts 2:12; "The people said WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

They knew there was something significant in what was happening here.

Acts 2:16; Peter says you ask what does this mean I tell you that "this is the fulfulment of what Joel prophesied in Joel 2;"

2:21; "AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

They rest of Peter's sermon will be focused on Who the Lord is and How men may call upon Him for salvation.

In 2:22; "O men of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus of Nazareth by doing tremendous miracles through him, as you well know." L.B

"Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know." N.A.S.

These people had seen Jesus in action before He was crucified.

Jesus is King.

Having focused their attention Peter then goes on:
Quoting Psalm 16:8-10; David says concerning Him:2:26; "So my heart rejoiced my tongue delighted;

my body, too, will rest secure."

Normally a body decays at death.

Peter says this is not David speaking about himself it is speaking about Jesus. Then Peter goes on to prove it to them.

2:29; "My Jewish brothers, I can tell you plainly about David, our ancestor. He died and was buried. His grave is still here with us today."

Remember 2 Sam 7:12; "when your days are over and you fall asleep with your ancestors."

David was going to die and stay dead with his ancestors.

Peter says David died and was buried and his tomb was with us to this day.

Was David speaking of the resurrection in Psa 116; Yes he was.

Was he speaking of his own resurrection No! because he died and 1,000 years later they still had his tomb.

Peter reminds them of some of the prophecies that were fulfilled in Christ, He is the Messiah, "God has raised up Him you crucified to be both Lord and Christ." Acts 2:36;

Those who lived in the area of Jerusalem were sure to have told all those who travelled in from distant parts all about the life of Jesus!

How He had been crucified, and the discussion over His resurrection from the dead would have filled the minds of the people over the last few weeks.

# Jesus is King. Here is Peter's point:- David being a prophet and knowing that God had sworn in an oath to him in 2 Sam 7:12; said:-

"When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish His kingdom." N.K.J.

"And when your days are over and you fall asleep with your ancestors, I shall appoint your heir, your own son to succeed you and I shall make His sovereignty secure." N.J.B.

This is speaking of the Christ so in the 16 Psalm David had 2 Sam 7; in his mind when he wrote the 110 Psalm!

Psalm 110:1; "The LORD says to my Lord: Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

Peter says "THIS JESUS GOD RAISED UP and WE (the Apostles) are ALL WITNESSES."

So Peter has shown that Jesus is the seed of 2 Sam 7; (Seed of David.)
Whose kingdom He will establish.

This Man (Jesus) will build a HOUSE (the church) for God's Name.

This man has the POWER to do it and His name is JESUS THE CHRIST.

## Jesus is King. 2:34; JESUS is RAISED to SIT ON DAVID'S THRONE at the RIGHT HAND OF GOD.

Jesus has all power to reign, Jesus ascended (was raised) 10 days earlier Acts 1:9; and is now seated at the right hand of God at the time of Peter's sermon on Pentecost.

**Everything that was prophesied about the transfer of the kingdom has been fulfilled.** 

Jesus is NOW at the right hand Peter is announcing the Coronation of the King.

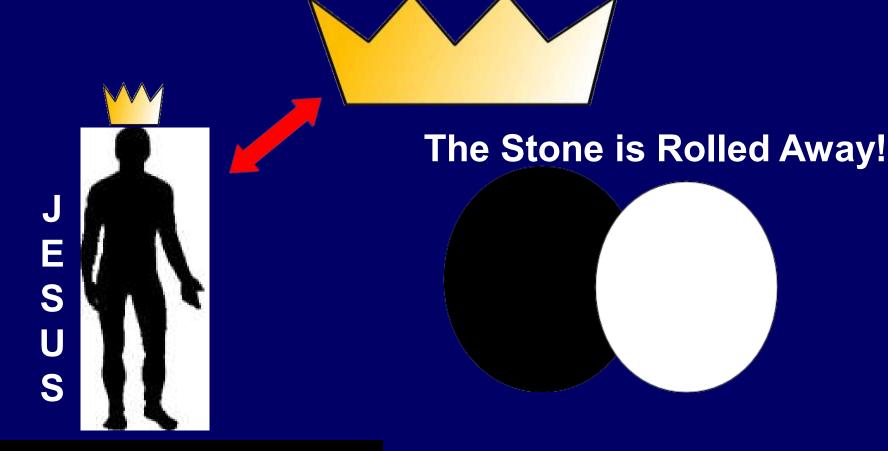
#### Why did Jesus Die?



"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."

1 Peter 3:18a;

#### Jesus the King is Risen.



"God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact." Acts 2:32;

"He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification." Romans 4:25;

#### JESUS is King. Acts 2:33;

After Jesus' trial and death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven. Jesus took His place at the right hand of God, ruling His kingdom.

"And now He sits on the throne of highest honour in heaven, next to God. And just as promised, the Father gave him the authority to send the Holy Spirit- with the results you are seeing and hearing today.

#### God's Exalted King Jesus.

Heaven

'Exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear."

"After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight."
Acts 1:9;

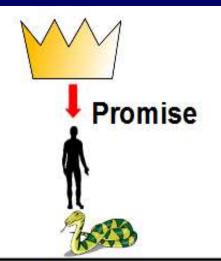
Therefore let all Israel be assured of this:

God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.'

Acts 2:33,36;

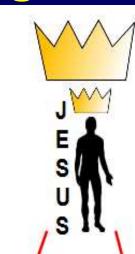
Apostles

#### Jesus' Kingdom Has Come.



So the LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this...I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; and he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.'

Genesis 3:14-15



Then I heard a voice in heaven say:
'Now have come the salvation and
the power and the kingdom of our
God, and the authority of his Christ.
For the accuser of our brothers,

who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.....They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

Revelation 12:10-11



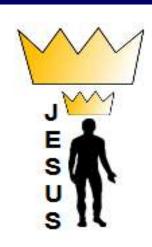
#### Access to God's Presence.

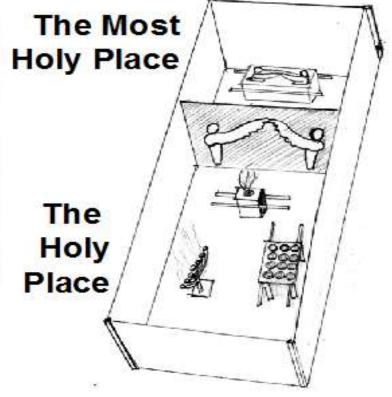
For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again,

the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Hebrews 9:24-26







#### Jesus is King. The KINGDOM EXISTS!

Now IT IS IN THE HAND OF THE CHRIST just as God had planned prophesied it.

The people listening to Peter cried WHAT MUST WE DO? They had crucified the Son of God their Messiah, the Christ, the one they were supposed to be waiting for.

Peter said "You must repent," Peter answered, "and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." N.J.B,

"Change your hearts and each one of you must be immersed by the authority of Jesus the Messiah, so that your sins may be forgiven. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

"In the name of" "by the authority of" "into relationship with" this is not a formula of words which we say when we baptise someone

It is THE AUTHORITY by which a person is baptised to receive the forgiveness of their sins and the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

3,000 were baptised, but they were not just being immersed in water they were bowing the knee to the king, they were recognising His authority to reign over their lives.

They were demonstrating their obedient faith.

That is that they believed and accepted that the blood of Jesus had the power to wash away their sins. They were being justified by faith!

When the crowd realised the seriousness of how they had treated Jesus.

They asked "what shall we do."?

Peter's reply was repent and be baptised every one of you that your sins may be forgiven and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Those who accepted Peters advice, and were baptised, were added by God to the group. There were 3,000 that day and many more were added daily. Acts 2:1-47;

"Added" to what? The Family of God, The Body of Christ, The Assembly, The New Spiritual Kingdom.

Matt 9:2-7; Mark 2:1-12; The healing of the paralytic. "Jesus said to the paralytic, "Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven."

"The scribes said This is blasphemy only God can forgive sins"

Jesus demonstrated that He had that authority and power to forgive sins by saying to the man "get up and walk."

Those on Pentecost who were forgiven and added to the family of God did so because they had seen Jesus work the miracles and now understood He truly had the power to forgive their sins.

Christ had to have the power that only the king could have in order for the church to become a historical reality.

Jesus had come into the world in fulfilment of the prophecies.

Jesus worked miracles, He is seen and understood in the context of the miraculous.

When Jesus claimed to be the Son of God those miracles proved it.

When Jesus claimed to have Sovereign reign those miracles proved it.

On Pentecost it was enough to convince 3,000 that Jesus was King and was able to forgive their sins.

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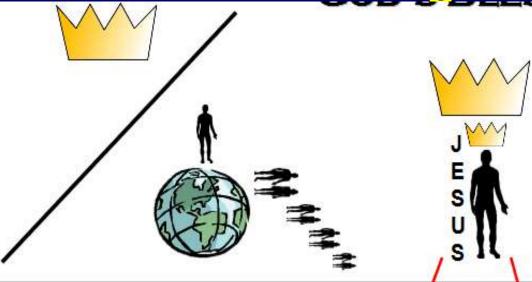
Jesus is on the throne, the kingdom is His, the transfer has taken place.

Now we see Jesus begins to "build a House for God's name" in fulfilment of 2 Sam 7;

Jesus through Peter on the day of Pentecost preached the gospel of the king and 3,000 put their trust in King Jesus and were added to His family / His church / His kingdom reign.

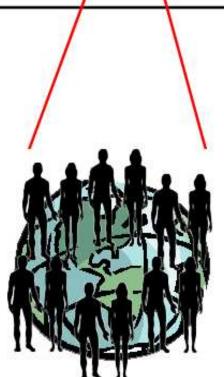
WE in the church are the proof that Jesus is Lord because OUR knees have been bowed We need to lift Jesus up and proclaim His message of salvation to all men.

God's Blessings in the Kingdom.



For if, by the trespass of one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

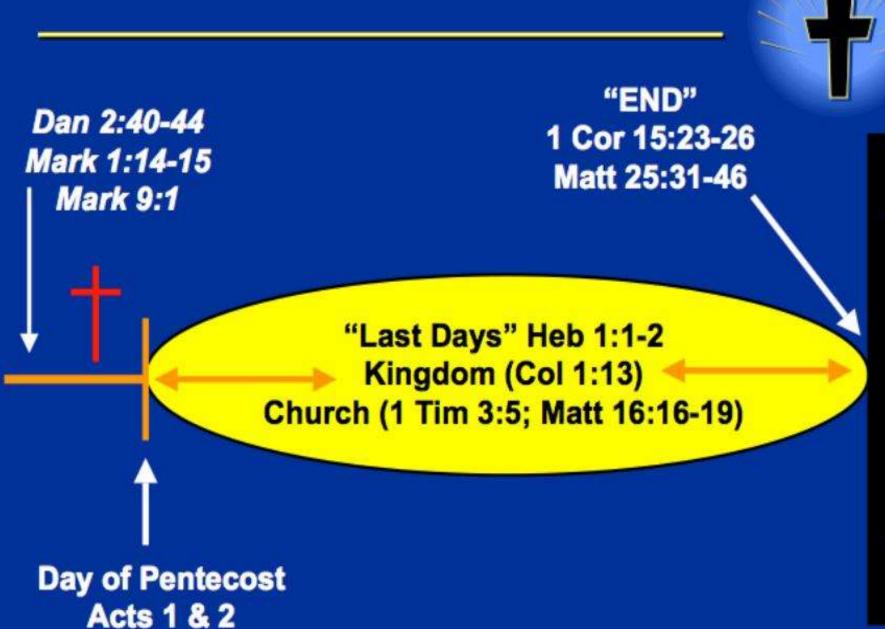
Romans 5:17



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3

#### An Overview of God's Spiritual Kingdom.



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The Holy Spirit in the Bible describes that Christ is reigning now seated at the right hand of God (Acts 2:34-36;) over the church /the kingdom of God, until Christ returns to give the kingdom back to God. 1 Cor 15:23-27;

Many of those who teach and preach about the miraculous power that they claim for themselves today, and preach and teach about their being led and guided by the Spirit, then go on to say:-

"The Jews rejected Jesus and Jesus FAILED to set up the Kingdom He was speaking about, They say there will be a rapture, and Christ will come to set up His kingdom sometime in the future."

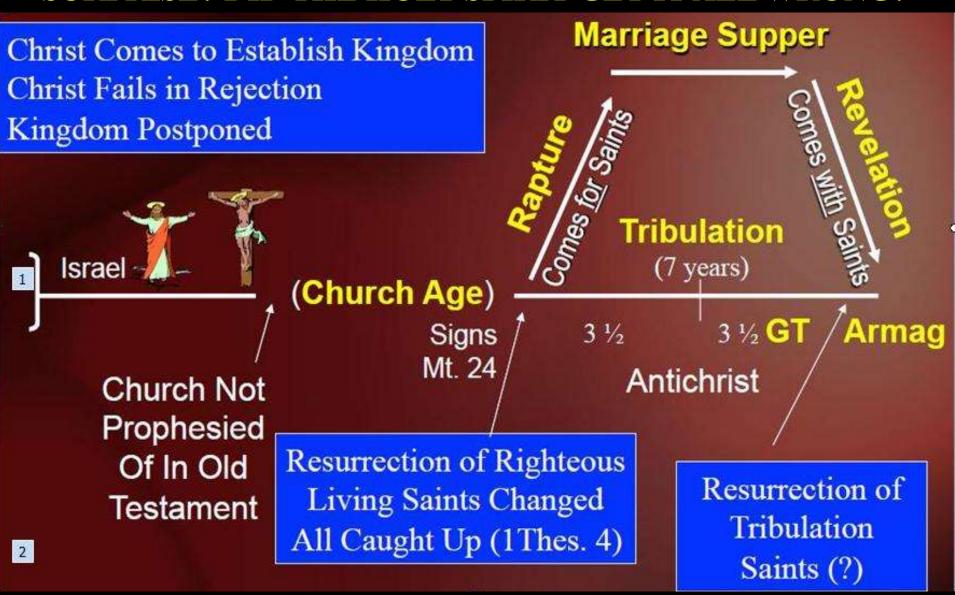
There are different opinions as to whether Christ is reigning now invisibly or will at some time in future reign on earth Physically. At some time in the future they say, a great battle will take place.

At the outbreak of practically every war in the last 150 years, or every major earthquake or disaster, books are written by those claiming to be "spirit inspired and led."

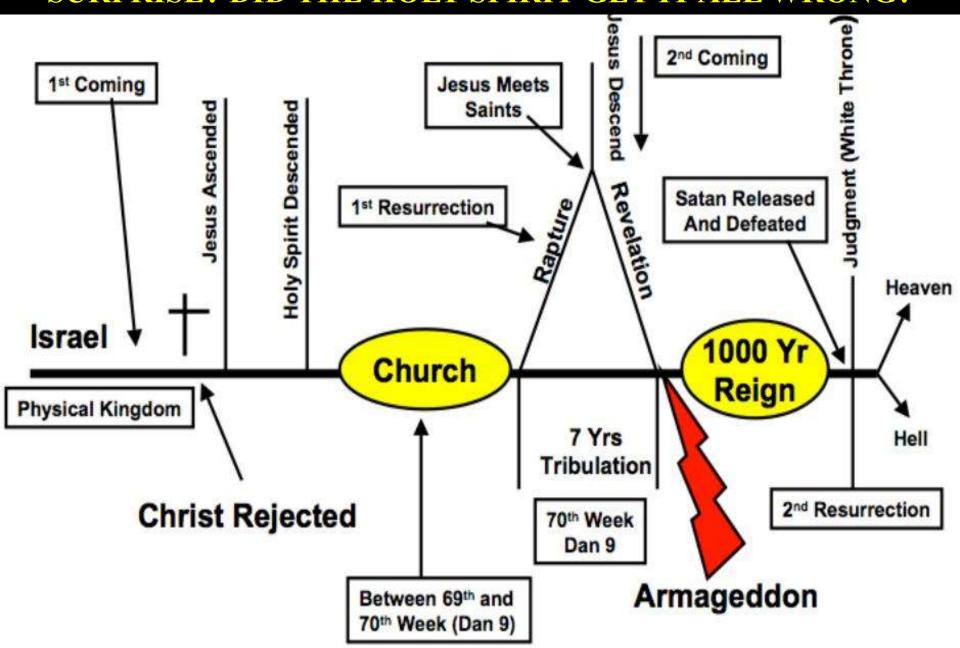
Saying:- "THIS IS IT -NOW GOD IS GOING TO RESTORE THE KINGDOM TO ISRAEL! NOW GOD WILL COME TO SET UP HIS KINGDOM!"

THEY say Jesus was rejected by the Jews!
THEY say Jesus Failed to set up His kingdom in Acts 2!
Which means that the Holy Spirit must have
BEEN A FALSE prophet because what
The Holy Spirit said would come to pass
did NOT come to pass ACCORDING to THEM.

I will only show you four examples of what I mean you can DECIDE FOR YOURSELF whether Jesus failed and the Holy Spirit got things all wrong.



Was the Church/kingdom just a stop gap after thought?



Col 1:12-14; "giving thanks unto the Father which has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints of light, who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son.

In whom we have redemption through His blood even the forgiveness of sins"

No Kingdom Now:- No light Now.
No Kingdom Now:- All in Darkness now.
No Kingdom Now:- No Saints now.

No Kingdom Now:- No Blood Now.

No Kingdom Now:- No Redemption Now.

#### A False message of the Kingdom?

A popular example of being led astray was Hal Lindsey in the early 1970s. In the early 1970s, Hal Lindsey was one the most popular false teachers of the kingdom on the globe.

Lindsey was a tugboat captain from New Orleans who attended Dallas Theological Seminary. He wrote the book, THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH in 1971.

It was THE rage of that era, That book sold over 28 million copies and was made into a movie narrated by Orson Welles.

THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH interpreted the Book of Revelation as pre-written history from twenty centuries ago, that the Book of Revelation and the Bible specifically prophesied about Lindsey's time in history.

## A False message of the Kingdom? The beginning of the End began on May 14, 1948, when the land of Israel was officially established.

By reading closely and carefully the Book of Revelation and other similar prophecies in the Bible such as in Mark 13, Lindsey and similar teachers thought that the End was coming soon.

They taught that there would be a final battle of Armageddon fought in the Middle East between Russia and Western Europe, that Russia was "Gog and Magog," that the ten horns in the Book of Revelation represented the ten nations of the common market of Western Europe, etc.

He also thought that the 30 million Chinese soldiers swarming the Middle East was prophesied in the Book of Revelation.

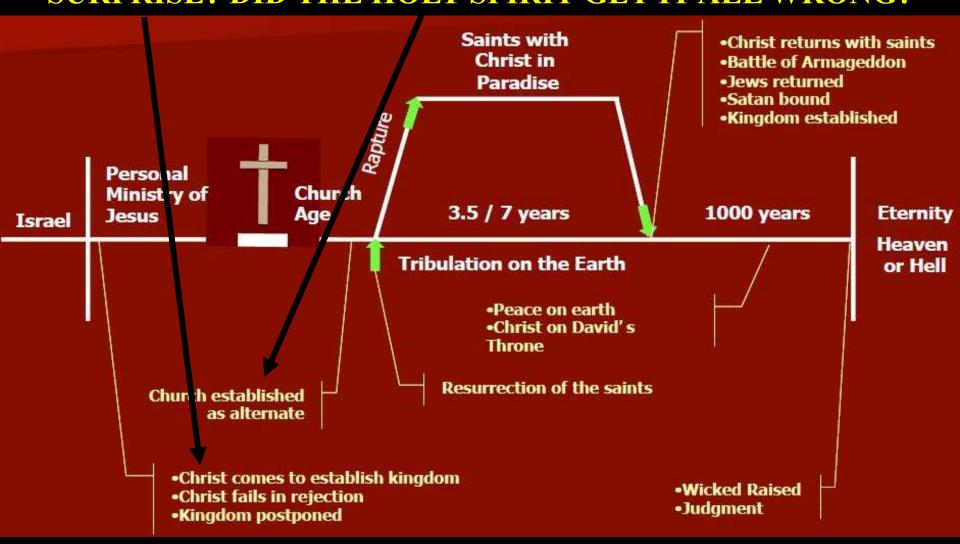
#### A False message of the Kingdom?

The popularity of the book, THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH, was so great that you could not say a word against it, without offending the enormous horde of 'true believers' who believed Lindsey's interpretation of the End Times.

Just because a religious book sells millions of copies, that does not mean the contents of that book are accurate.

It may simply mean that there are millions of believers out there who believe that particular interpretation of Mark 13 and the Book of Revelation.

I suspect that most of the 28 million people who bought THE LAST GREAT PLANET EARTH believed in its interpretations of the Book of Revelation.



Who do YOU believe these "spirit led" people or God's Holy Spirit inspired word?

#### THE BIBLE

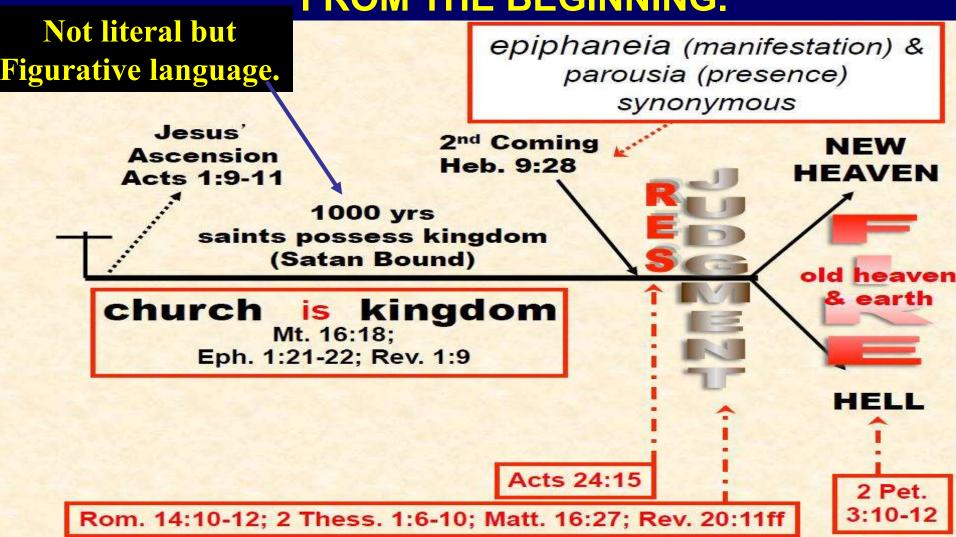


Dan 2:40-44 Mark 1:14-15 | Mark 9:1 "END" 1 Cor 15:23-26 Matt 25:31-46

"Last Days" Heb 1:1-2 Kingdom (Col 1:13)

Church (1 Tim 3:5; Matt 16:16-19)

Day of Pentecost Acts 1 & 2 THE ESTABLISHMENT IN ACTS 2 OF THE CHURCH / KINGDOM WAS IN THE MIND OF GOD FROM THE BEGINNING.



Let's look at the promise that made it a reality.

#### Acts chapter 1:6; God's Spiritual Kingdom?

Matt 16:16-18; "Simon Peter answered,
"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!"

Then Jesus said to him, "How blessed are you, Simon, son of John! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven has.

"I tell you that you are Peter, and it is on this rock that I will build my church, and the forces of hell will not overpower it."

Eph 2:20; "having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone."

#### **God's Spiritual Kingdom?**

Some claim that the CHURCH or KINGDOM was established by John the Baptiser!

All these verses make it plain that the church was not established until after John's death.

It was not established until after Jesus death.

Heb 9:15-17;

Heb 9:15-17; God's Spiritual Kingdom?
"15. This is why He is the mediator of
a new covenant; so that those who are called
may receive the eternal inheritance
promised them,

"since a death has occurred that redeems them from the offences committed under the first covenant. 16. For where there is a will, the death of the one who made it must be established."

"17. For a will is in force only when somebody has died, since it never takes effect as long as the one who made it is alive."

#### THE DOOR HAS BEEN LOCKED!

Imagine that you get up one morning, and decide to go to the beach. You imagine taking the dogs for a walk along the sea shore.

You imagine building the biggest sand castle on the beach with your children.

You imagine swimming in the sea with your children these are your plans and dreams for this morning.

You get up and get everything ready thinking of what is ahead of you.

Only to find that all your plans, dreams and imaginings cannot be fulfilled because the door is locked, you have no way to get out.

THE DOOR HAS BEEN LOCKED!
Many people imagine all sorts of things
regarding some future physical kingdom.

They run through all sorts of scenarios in their minds and speculate on how things will be.

They make all sorts of plans and claims for this future physical imaginary kingdom, writing lots of commentaries and books.

They Rearrange many scriptures to make them fit into the picture of their imaginary kingdom.

Only to find that Jesus and The Holy Spirit has LOCKED THE DOOR the kingdom prophesied by the scriptures is already a reality in the life time of the Apostles.

THE DOOR HAS BEEN LOCKED!
Many people claim that Jesus failed
to set up His kingdom in the first century

They claim because of that failure God had to step in and introduce the Church age as a gap filler.

Jesus shows the church is not an after thought Jesus in Matt 16:16; which according to their theology would be before Jesus failed!

Jesus said "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH."

Jesus planned it and brought it into being.

Jesus and The Holy Spirit has LOCKED THE DOOR the church prophesied by the scriptures is already a reality in the life time of the Apostles.



A nation has never been saved as a nation in the sense of having a blanket gift of eternal life for all its citizens.

That privilege belongs to the spiritual Israel of God which is the Church.

That is God's Holy Nation and Kingdom today.

Salvation was is and always will be an individual matter.

No Jew will ever be saved now or ever on any condition other than the same conditions on which any Gentile is saved.

#### Acts chapter 1:7-8;

When Jesus had first come on the scene, He had announced that the kingdom of God was at hand. He did not mean that it was coming in a few years. He meant that He was bringing in His kingdom reign in HIS day.

He came planting the seeds of the kingdom and those seeds were only now beginning to bear fruit.

Verse 7	Verse 8
Negative emphasized	Positive emphasized
It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority	You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you
What will NOT be given to them	What WILL be given to them

By the end of chapter 2; King Jesus has over 3000 believers, Members of His Family, His Kingdom, The Church.

In Prophecy:-	
The Kingdom was to come through	1
the seed of David.	
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Church the Kingdom of God Establishment of the church,

kingdom of God. (Acts 2;) **Fulfilled on the day of Pentecost.** (Acts 2:30;)

Matt. 3:1-2; Luke 3:1-2;

Fulfilled on Pentecost.

(Acts 2:16-17; and Acts 3:24;)

**Fulfilled on Pentecost.** 

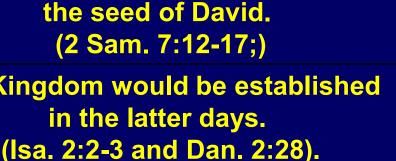
(Acts 2:1-4;)

Fulfilled on Pentecost (Acts

2:1,5,47; and Heb 12:18-23;)

<u>(2</u> Sam. 7:12-1*/*;)

The Kingdom would be established



(Mk 9:1; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:6-8;) The Kingdom to be established on Mt Zion. (Jerusalem Isa 2:2-3;)

The Kingdom of God would come

with power.

The Kingdom would begin at the point of the law going forth from

Law went forth from Jerusalem on Pentecost. (Acts 2:37-38;)

**Jerusalem (Isa 2:2-3; Luke 24:45-49;)** 

# The Church or Kingdom of God is now Established.

Jesus is King over His Spiritual Kingdom. In Acts 2:47; We see the important statement "and the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

This is important because we notice that when someone in faithful obedience responds to God's gospel of Grace through the blood of Christ, GOD ADDS HIM TO THE SAVED.

You cannot join the church or be voted into the church, you are not added to some denomination. YOU ARE ADDED TO THE BODY OF CHRIST!

Jesus is King over His Spiritual Kingdom.

God adds US as an obedient believer

to His body the church.

God's requirements or terms for how to become a Christian have been laid down since this first day of Pentecost, by the Lord Himself.

Therefore no man or group of men has the right to change Gods terms of entrance into the body the church.

Or expect to come to God on their own terms rather than God's terms.

I.E. Bible Acts 2:38; "Then Peter answered, 
"Change your hearts and each one of you must be 
immersed by the authority of Jesus the Messiah, 
so that your sins may be forgiven.
Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:42-47; "And the Lord added to their number."
Acts 11:25-27; "The disciples were first called
Christians at Antioch."

Jesus is King over His Spiritual Kingdom. To establish the new Kingdom, the powers of Satan, and the curse of sin had to be overcome.

The animal sacrifices for sin were imperfect and merely rolled forward the sins, until such time as a perfect sacrifice could be made.

Christ was this sinless, perfect sacrifice.
Christ's blood was shed on the cross that all men might have access to the perfect sacrifice,

His ascension into heaven prepared the way for our ascension into heaven at the judgement day.

# Jesus is King over His Spiritual Kingdom. The kingdom of God or the Kingdom of heaven was a central teaching of both John the baptiser and Jesus. Both proclaimed the kingdom as "at hand or coming soon."

The prophecies of the O.T. tied this in with the coming of the Messiah, thus we can see the coming of the kingdom ties in with the death burial and resurrection of Jesus.

The kingdom of God was established with eternal power, with a loving and understanding King ruling over it.

Jesus is King over His Spiritual Kingdom.

This kingdom is open to ALL who by faithful obedience accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

This saving GRACE is offered to ALL without any man made restrictions or changes.

Following the dramatic introduction to the world, Christianity soon became a strong religious force. In the years since, this force has spread throughout the world.

The first Christians became a family, caring for each other and worshipping together, They praised God for their deliverance from sin, and the promise of eternal life in Christ Jesus, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The rule (kingdom) of Jesus embraces all the righteous subjects of God whose service was made acceptable BY Him and who's relationship was established IN Him.

It also embraces all the nations of all the world; all ages, present or past and all dominions and powers in this world or out of it. In short it is the universal dominion of God invested in Jesus.

One of the aspects of this reign of Jesus is called "the Church" which makes manifest in the highest and perfected way, the rule of God.

Jesus is King over His Spiritual Kingdom.

Here all the subjects are voluntary subjects
with a right relationship with and
Acceptable service to, the King.

One day when the work of the Redeemer- King is completed- the enemies having been destroyed and the obedient forgiven and gathered in.

1 Cor 15:24;

The present manifestation of the church stage of the kingdom or reign of God will close and merge into the rule of God as manifested in eternity.

The fact is that God has always reigned over the world. We just need to understand how and when and in what manner His reign is demonstrated.

The Nature Of The Kingdom.

The kingdom of God. The reign of God.

God's kingdom has always existed. Ps 103:19; 145:13;

Yet God would reign in a new way. Dan 2:44; Mk 1:15; God would reign via His Son. Isa 9:6-7; Lk 1:31-33;

Christ now reigns over all. Mt 28:18; Ac 2:36; 10:36; Eph 1:20-22; 1Tit 6:14-15; Rev 1:5; 2:26-27; 3:21; We can be enemies or volunteers! Ps 110:1-3; Re 17:14;

After the Day of Pentecost the kingdom of God is referred to as "being now" in the present tense. This helps us to see that the kingdom rule began in a special way with Peter's preaching on Pentecost.

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1 Thess 2:10-12; "Who calls you into His kingdom."
2 Thess 1:3-5; "You will be accounted worthy
of the kingdom"
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Rom 14:17-18; "The kingdom of God...
of righteousness."
Col 4:11; "Fellow workers of the kingdom of God."

#### The CHURCH and the KINGDOM.

Christ is "HEAD" of the Church and "KING" of the kingdom. (Eph 1:22; Col 1:18; Acts 17:7; Rev 1:5; 17:14;)

The "LAW" of the Church & Kingdom is the Word of God.

- Lk 8:4-8,11; 2 Tim3:16,17; 2 Pet 1:3; 2 John 9;

The "Members" of the church and the "Subjects" of the kingdom are the same people. (Col 1:12-13;)

One becomes a member and a citizen the same way. Col 1:13; 1 Pet 1:22, 23; Acts 2:47; Jo 3:3-5; Gal 3:26-27;

The Territory of the CHURCH and KINGDOM are the same in a limited sense because we know that Jesus has reign and authority over all things.

Matt 28:18,19; Eph 1:20-23; Col 3:15; Heb 8:10;

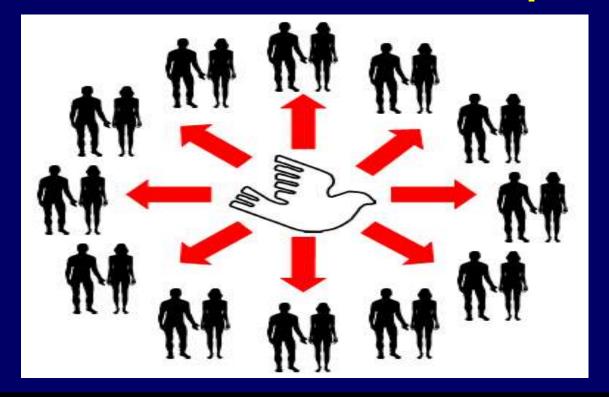
Jesus is King over His Spiritual Kingdom. We need to also remember that to be a citizen in this kingdom we enter one by one not as a Nation, as the Jews were expecting.

The gate into the kingdom is narrow, but open to all who obey. Rom 1:4-5;
The kingdom of heaven is compared with a grain of mustard seed which develops rapidly from a small beginning.

There are several varieties of mustard seed which start with tiny seeds and grow into large bushes, some to the height of 15 feet.

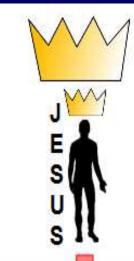
We can see the same in the scripture where 12 men spread the good news to the world. What about us today? Are we ready to pick up this challenge?

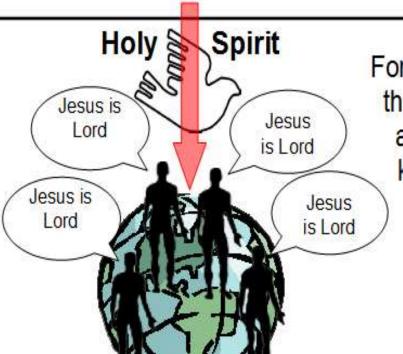
# Jesus is King over His Spiritual Kingdom. God's Presence with His People.



"For we are the temple of the living God.
As God has said, 'I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people." 2 Corinthians 6:16b;

'Salvation is found in noone else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.' Acts 4:12





For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves...

Colossians 1:13

#### The Return of the King.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

John 14:3;



"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Acts 1:11;



#### God's Appointed Judge.

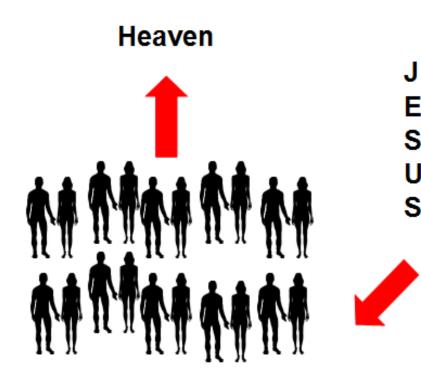
This will take place on the day when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares. Romans 2:16;

For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising Him from the dead."

Acts 17:31



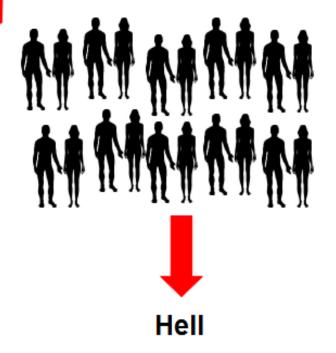
#### Day of Judgement.



'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.'

Matthew 25:31-33

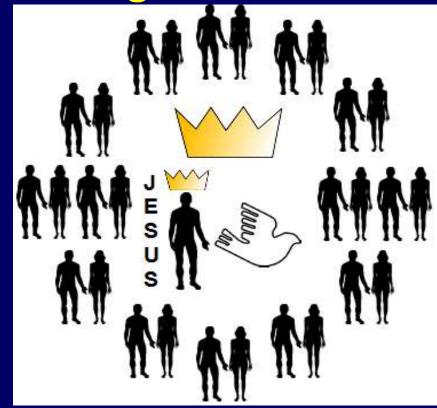
He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes ... 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10



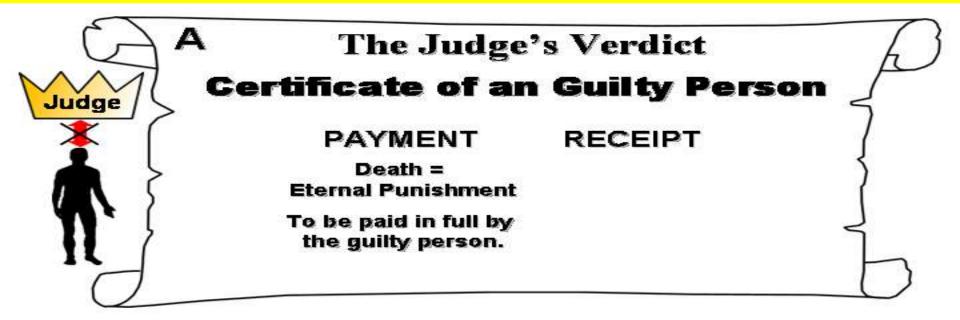
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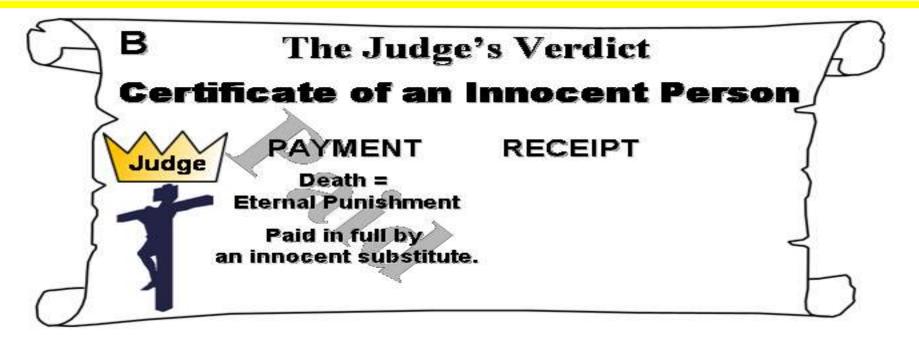
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.

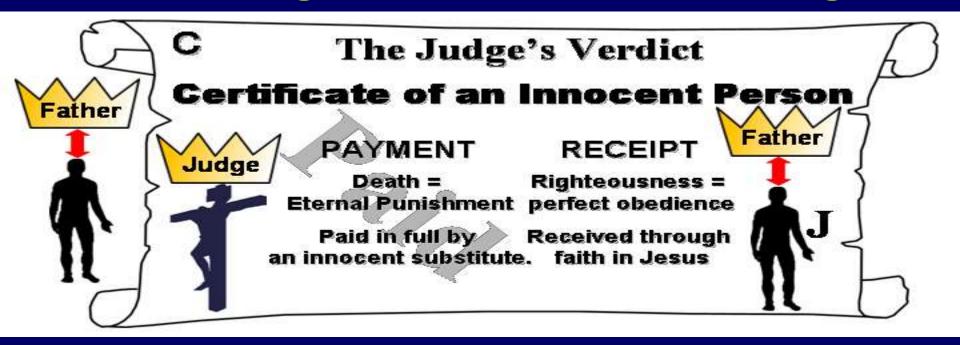
And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and they will be his people, and he will live with them and be their God.' Revelation 21:1-3;





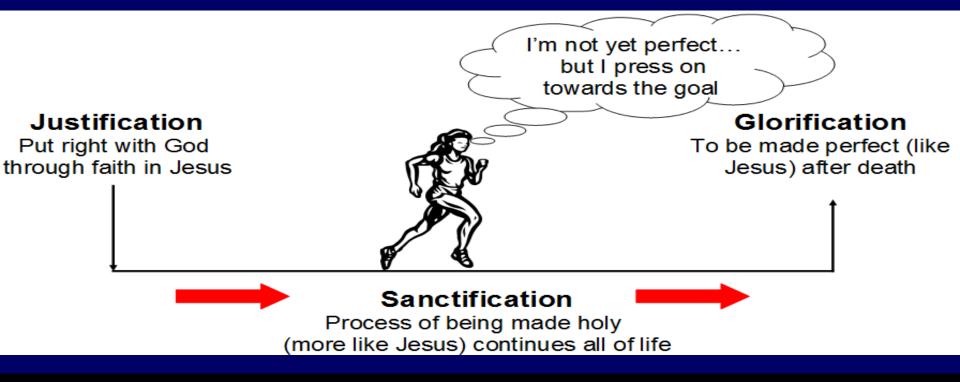






"He did it to demonstrate His justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus." Romans 3:26;

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1;



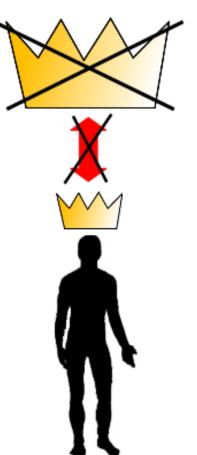
"But now you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life." Rom 6:22;

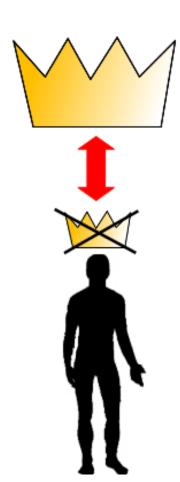
#### The Choice we all Face.

Reject God as King and live as ruler of our own lives instead



Death, judgement and eternal punishment from God





Receive a right relationship with God and eternal life



Confess our disobedience, submit to Jesus as King of our lives, trusting in his life, death and resurrection being buried with Him to rise to new life

We need to consider the Cost!

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." Matthew 16:25;

Following Jesus is a life of self-denial!
Our goals, ambitions and desires in life are no longer our own, but belong to King Jesus.

We no longer live for ourselves but now for God and His Kingdom.

Following Jesus may lead to a life of suffering! Suffering for being a Christian is not an option. We suffer because our Lord Jesus suffered.

This does not mean Christians do not enjoy this life, or have no fun in the meantime.

In fact, we would argue that Christians have the most fun - this world is after all our Father's world! But it does mean that as Christians we will face opposition to our faith throughout our lifetime.

The Blessings Of The Kingdom!
Now:- God's forgiveness! 1Cor 1:13-14; Rev 1:5;
Now:- God's care! Matt 6:25-34; 2 Cor 1:3-5;

Now:- God's family. Lk 18:29-30; 1Tit 3:15; Now:- God's Spirit. Jn 7:37-39; Rom 14:17; 15:13;

Now &Then:- God's eternal kingdom.
2Tit 4:18; 2Pet 1:8-11;
Now & Then:- God's eternal city.
Heb 13:13; Re 21:1-3,9-21;
Now & Then:- God's eternal care.
Rev 21:4-7; 22:1-5;

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The Entrance Into The Kingdom /church.

Requires faith in the gospel.
Mk 1:15; 16:15-16;
Requires a new birth.
Jn 3:3-7; Ti 3:4-7; Cor 2:11-13;

Requires repentance.

Mk 1:15; 1Cor 6:9-10; Gal 5:19-21; Requires obedience.

Mt 7:21-23; Rom 1:5; 1Pet 4:17; 2Thes 1:8;

Requires sanctification. Mt 5:20; 2Pet 1:4-11; Requires faithfulness. Acts 14:22; Rev 2:10;

False Religion Appeals To The Wrong Authority! Do We Test All Things?

God Knows All & Will Judge All!

Are We Ready?

The Kingdom Of Prophecy Is Established In Christ! *Are We In It?* 

ARE WE PREPARED
TO SUBMIT
TO GOD'S RULE?



# Jesus is King over His Spiritual Kingdom. Jesus ask us through the Grace of God to Become a Citizen of the Eternal Kingdom!

- •Believe. John 3:16; Acts 8:37; 11:21;
- Repent. Acts 2:38; 17:30; 8:34;
- Confess Faith. 1 John 4:15; Rom 10:9;
- Be Baptized. Matt 28:18-20; Mark 16:16;

Be Added to His church, His body, His kingdom, His reign, Submit ourselves to His authority.

Remain Faithful. Rev 2:10;

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