

Doctrine of the Kingdom

According to the Epistles

1. The kingdom of God is not physical, but spiritual, which means it is concerned with the things of the Spirit.
 - *Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*
2. The power of the kingdom of God to change lives does not consist in words but in demonstration of the Spirit.
 - *1 Corinthians 4:20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.*
3. Evil people who are non-repentant shall not inherit the kingdom of God in time or in eternity.
 - *1 Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*
 - *Galatians 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*
 - *Ephesians 5:5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.*
4. Jesus is even now to rule until He has put down all His enemies, and then shall He give the kingdom back to the Father.
 - *1 Corinthians 15:24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.*
5. Flesh and blood, as it now exists, shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
 - *1 Corinthians 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*
6. Christians are even now members of the kingdom of Christ.
 - *Colossians 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:*

7. Believers are fellow workers in the kingdom of God.
 - *Colossians 4:11 And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.*
8. Entrance into the kingdom is based upon Divine effectual calling.
 - *1 Thessalonians 2:12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.*
9. Christians suffer because they are members of the kingdom of God illustrated in the life of Paul.
 - *Acts 9:16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.*
10. There is a future day of judgment at the appearance of Christ which shall usher in eternal righteousness.
 - *2 Timothy 4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;*
11. Believers will enter into a heavenly expression of the kingdom at the point of death.
 - *2 Timothy 4:18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*
12. The kingdom of Christ is characterized by righteousness.
 - *Hebrews 1:8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.*
13. The kingdom is permanent.
 - *Hebrews 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:*
14. The poor of this world are heirs to the kingdom.
 - *James 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?*
15. The Apostles considered themselves to be part of the kingdom.
 - *Revelation 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

16. The kingdom of God brought the downfall of Satan.

- *Revelation 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. 6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*

17. The kingdoms of this world are to be conquered by Christ.

- *Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*