

THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM

I. INTRODUCTION.

- A. The kingdom has arrived in its fullness with the establishment of the church.
- B. The purpose of this lesson is to identify who is in the kingdom and when it arrived.
- C. By looking at various passages in the Gospels and Acts we can piece the puzzle together.

II. DEFINING THE WORD.

- A. W.E. Vine says that the word, *kingdom* is an abstract noun denoting sovereignty, royal power, or dominion. As a concrete noun it means a territory or people over whom a king rules.
- B. To be in the kingdom of God is to live under His rule and reign. This kingdom was a territory known as the promised land under the old covenant, but now, God's kingdom is of a spiritual nature.

Luke 17:20,21 \_\_\_\_\_

John 18:36 \_\_\_\_\_

III. MEMBERS OF THE KINGDOM.

- A. Those in the kingdom are listed in Hebrews 12:22-24;
 

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| 1. God the Father. | 4. Spirits of righteous men made perfect (the OT faithful). |
| 2. Jesus the Son.  | 5. The church.  |
| 3. The angels.     |   |
- B. As far as we are concerned to be a member of the church is to be a member of the kingdom. As God adds the saved to the church, He adds them to the kingdom as well.

Colossians 1:13,14 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 20:28 \_\_\_\_\_

Revelation 5:9,10 \_\_\_\_\_

IV. THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM.

- A. The kingdom did not come during the Old Testament time.  
Matthew 3:1,2 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. The kingdom did not come at the beginning of Jesus' ministry.  
Matthew 4:17 \_\_\_\_\_
- C. The kingdom did come during the lifetime of the apostles, it is not yet to come.  
Luke 9:27 \_\_\_\_\_
- D. The kingdom will come with power in the apostles' lifetime.  
Mark 9:1 \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Notice the following from Luke 24:44-49;
  - 1. The place of the beginning is Jerusalem.
  - 2. Repentance for the forgiveness of sins to be preached.
  - 3. This message will be preached to all nations.
  - 4. The apostles are to wait in Jerusalem for the promised power.
- F. Peter will have the "keys to the kingdom."  
Matthew 16:13-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- G. It will not be an earthly kingdom with territorial boundaries.  
Acts 1:4-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- H. The promised power comes at Pentecost (baptism of the HS).  
Acts 2:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

- I. Every nation is represented in Jerusalem.  
Acts 2:5 \_\_\_\_\_
- J. Peter preaches repentance for the forgiveness of sins.  
Acts 2:15-36 \_\_\_\_\_
- K. Peter announces the keys to the kingdom.  
Acts 2:38 \_\_\_\_\_
- L. The promise is also to the Gentiles, they will be added later beginning with the household of Cornelius.  
Acts 2:39; 10:1-48 \_\_\_\_\_

V. **MATCHING.**

Based on this lesson and the scriptures discussed, match the following phrase or central idea on the left with the appropriate scripture on the right. You may wish to review all the scriptures listed above before taking this test.

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| _____ | 1. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit.            | A. Matt. 3:1,2.    |
| _____ | 2. The first gospel sermon.                   | B. Matt. 4:17.     |
| _____ | 3. "Who do the people say I am?"              | C. Luke 9:27.      |
| _____ | 4. The keys to the kingdom.                   | D. Mark 9:1.       |
| _____ | 5. Jesus prophesies the kingdom.              | E. Luke 24:44-49.  |
| _____ | 6. The kingdom comes with power.              | F. Matt. 16:13-20. |
| _____ | 7. John the Baptist begins preaching.         | G. Acts 1:3-9.     |
| _____ | 8. The kingdom arrives in apostles' lifetime. | H. Acts 2:1-4.     |
| _____ | 9. Jesus begins to preach the gospel.         | I. Acts 2:22-37.   |
| _____ | 10. The apostles are still confused.          | J. Acts 2:38.      |

VI. **NEXT LESSON.**

The next lesson is entitled, "How to Become a Christian." In preparation take time to read through the book of Acts and count the number of conversion stories you find. Anything about them have something in common?

VII. **NOTES.**

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