

### ***Core Doctrines of the church of Christ***

Based Upon Dr. Everett Ferguson's Definitive Work; The church of Christ, A Biblical Ecclesiology for Today

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### **Lesson 3: Introductory Items & Chapter 1; "The People & the Messiah: History & Eschatology" -- Kingdom**

#### I The Meaning of Kingdom

1) "In Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek, the primary meaning of "kingdom" is "kingship," that is, royal power or kingly rule. The words more often refer to the "reign" than to the "realm" in which the rule is exercised, to the dominion rather than the domain." - EF pg. 19

2) Examples:

- a. Daniel 4:30-31
- b. Daniel 4:34-36
- c. Revelation 11:15

3) "The rule of God presupposes a people of God." - EF pg. 20

- a. Matthew 21:42, 43

#### II The Kingdom of God and Israel

1) The Kingdom of God is eternal

- a. Psalms 145:11-13
- b. Daniel 4:34

#### III The Kingdom of God and Jesus

1) Luke 4:43 - For what purpose was Jesus sent?

2) The Kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ and the Kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ are equivalent phrases. Matthew 21:25; Luke 15:21

3) An evasion of speech is called a \_\_\_\_\_

4) The phrase "at hand" means that the Kingdom of God is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of coming, it is \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ in.

5) When Jesus announced that the Kingdom of God was "at hand," (Luke 9:57-62) meant that all other things had become \_\_\_\_\_.

6) Matthew 11:12

- 7) Luke 16:16
- 8) Matthew 12:28
- 9) Luke 12:32

#### IV The Kingdom of God and the Church

- 1) Colossians 1:12-14
- 2) Daniel 7:14; 22, 27
- 3) Matthew 16:18-19**
- 4) Hebrews 12:23**
- 5) Revelation 1:4, 6, 9**
- 6) I Peter 2:9**

#### V The Kingdom of God and the Future

- 1) I Corinthians 15:24
- 2) II Timothy 4:18
- 3) II Peter 1:11
- 4) II Timothy 2:11-12

#### VI Conclusions -- EF pg. 35 - 36

- 1) The Kingdom is active and is in the present
- 2) "There is God's reign over all his realms, and this is without beginning and end."
- 3) "The Kingdom is present wherever Jesus is present."
- 4) "The Kingdom of God is associated in the Gospels with breaking the power of evil."
- 5) The rule of God comes to persons when Jesus forgives sins. He manifests his power in forgiveness (Mark 2:5-12)

Mar 2:5 And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, **your sins are forgiven.**"

Mar 2:6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts,

Mar 2:7 "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! **Who can forgive sins but God alone?**"

Mar 2:8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts?"

Mar 2:9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'?

Mar 2:10 **But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--he said to the paralytic--**

**Mar 2:11 "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home."**

Mar 2:12 And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

- 6) "Acceptance of the kingdom is obedient (repentance, confession baptism RM) response to Jesus." - **See John 3:14-21 taken in full context**
- 7) "The Kingdom of God creates a people."
- 8) "Final victory of God's kingdom is certain. God's kingdom is an eternal kingdom."