

THE KINGDOM AND FALSE TEACHERS

1. Text: Revelation 1:7-9
2. With our last lesson we stressed Christ's second coming.
3. One of the surest ways to identify a false teacher today is to hear him discuss the second coming of Christ as it relates to the kingdom.
4. Does the New Testament teach that when Christ comes again in the future He will finally set up His kingdom on earth and reign a 1000 years? Let's see what the Scriptures say about the kingdom.

I. The Kingdom Was Brought Into Existence In The First Century.

1. Colossians 1:13 says Christians in about A.D. 61 had been delivered out of the power of darkness and transferred into the kingdom of God's dear Son.
2. Revelation 1:9 John was a brother and companion of his readers in the kingdom of Jesus Christ.
3. Hebrews 12:28 The writer states "We are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken."
4. Mark 9:1 Christ said, "There are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God come with power." Either it came or there are some very old people around today!
5. False teachers claim it's still in the future; Christ, Paul, John, and the Hebrew writer say differently.

II. The Kingdom Was Established On The Day Of Pentecost, A.D. 30.

1. Again, Mark 9:1 The kingdom would come with power.
2. Acts 1:8 Christ promised the apostles, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you."
3. Acts 2:1,4 When the day of Pentecost was come, they (the apostles) were together in one place. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit.
4. Connect: Kingdom to come with power; power with the Holy Spirit; Holy Spirit came on first Pentecost after Christ's ascension.
5. Kingdom on earth already almost 2000 years!
6. Notice all verses in first after church established on Pentecost.

III. The Kingdom Is To End On Earth, Not Begin When Christ Comes Again.

1. I Corinthians 15:23-28 is a very important passage concerning Christ and the kingdom. It is not necessary to understand all it says, but clearly it deals with these issues.
2. Verse 23 speaks of Christ's coming. Verse 24 says "Then the end comes, when He (Christ) delivers the kingdom to God." Verse 25 has Christ reigning until the last enemy, death, under His feet (verse 26-27).
3. Scripture: The second coming, the end, kingdom given to God. False teaching: the second coming, the earthly kingdom established, 1000 reign, then the end. Which will you go with?
4. Revelation 20:1-6 is used to connect the second coming of Christ to a kingdom on earth for righteous. What not there: (1) Second coming, (2) This happening on earth, (3) All righteous people (few martyrs); (4) Flesh and blood people (soul of beheaded).

Conclusion:

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