

The Edges of the Kingdom

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When did God's Kingdom begin, and when will it end?

1. Men have always lived under rule in some form.
2. Initially, it was simply the rule of God as He spoke to the patriarchs.
3. In the beginning, they simply worshiped God, meaning they conformed to His will spiritually and physically.
4. Once sin broke the fellowship between man and God, men moved away from God and His voice (rule).
5. Therefore, *rule* became "civilized". Mankind began to organize and administer law, and enter into covenants, which were written documents. Families became tribes and then nations, and, though they did not abandon the idea of God (religious obligation), they each desired to have their own ruler of their own lands who was called "King" (civil obligation). When men desire to have their own king, they naturally need their own god. And once you accept that each group can have their own king(s), it follows that they each can have their own god(s).
6. God established His Holy Nation by giving them a land and a law and liberty in covenant with Him. The law was spiritual and physical. God was ruler over both.
7. As this new nation lived among the other nations, they coveted the glory of their earthly kings. Eventually they demanded a king of their own, and God allowed this. The fact is that Israel had always had a "king", but they now wanted one that they could see. Of course, they also wanted a God that they could see like the gods of the nations around them. They were now idolaters both spiritually and physically.
8. God had promised to redeem mankind (Genesis 3:15) and He had promised to use this nation (Israel) for that purpose. The promise involved one person. To Adam and Eve, it was the seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15). To Abraham it was the seed of Abraham (Genesis 22:18). He was to be a prophet like Moses (Deuteronomy 18:18). He would be a priest like Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18-20; Hebrews 6:19), and he was to be a king like David (2 Samuel 7:16; Romans 1:3).
9. When God raised Jesus from the dead, and received Him back into Heaven, He made Him king of heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18). He must rule till His last enemy, Death, has been destroyed (1 Corinthians 15:24-26).
10. The earthly component of His Kingdom is the Church, and, as such, we recognize that only He can direct our ways spiritually and physically. He told us how to organize, and He provided for elders and deacons to govern or shepherd the local flock by the power of His Word. Our King and our God are one and the same person, and He is not on this earth. That affects our view of "government" and "denominationalism". (More later)



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

***Today's Sermon:* What's My Line? The Mystery of Christ**

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Scripture: Colossians 2:1-9

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** October 9th, 6:30pm. Arthur will continue with our study of Galatians.
- **Next Potluck:** October 20th
- **Next Regional Singing:** December 29th @ Endwell
- **Men's October Breakfast:** choose a Saturday



NEWS

- **Plans are being made to start a Grief Ministry** as an outreach service to the community. Because of a heightened feeling of loss during the holiday season, the group will meet November 26th and the next three consecutive Tuesday evenings. The movie Tear Soup will be shown at least once during this time, and corresponding books will be available.
- There has been a request by a young lady who lives near our building to use the downstairs area for **music lessons for school-age children** who are home schooled. The piano that is down there would be needed for this venture. We as a church will be discussing this.
- **The 5th Sunday Regional Singing** last Sunday was one of the most successful gatherings we have had in this building. **Thank you to all the people here who helped!**

PRAYERS

- **Continue praying for follow up visits and calls to contacts made during our two recent door-knocking campaigns.**
- **Clint Jones** left a prayer request in our box out front because his girlfriend, **Becky Wolcott**, was having a breast biopsy. We are thankful to report that the result was negative.
- **A lady named Kelly who lives nearby has requested prayers for someone named James, who needs lots of help, and also for her good friend who lost her daughter to suicide a few years ago at this time of year.**
- **Andrea Lentz**, who has lung cancer, is staying at Elderwood in Waverly. Her cancer has spread to her bones. Please pray for Andrea to be free from pain and for healing.
- **Continue to pray for Mark Elsbree, Doug's brother**, who needs a kidney donor soon.
- **Pray for Lori Kashorek**, who has lung cancer. Lori is the minister's wife at the Plattsburgh, NY church. Her mother died from this very same form of lung cancer.
- **Pray for Erin Beiber**, who has metastatic breast cancer. She has a husband and two preteen sons and is trying to extend her life as far as possible to be there for her family. Erin is Sandy and Arthur's neighbor and Darlene's cousin.
- **Pray for Ronnie Jones**, who is recovering from a stroke in Jacksonville, FL.
- **Pray for Don Myers**, minister for the church in Elmore, AL, who is suffering from back pain and the effects of his pain medication. He is currently unable to carry out his duties as preacher or as professor at Falconer University.
- **Pray for Peyton Chacona**, who has seizures. Doctors are still unable to determine the cause of her seizures.
- **Pat has been suffering headaches last week.**

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barnecat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.