

THE "CHURCH-AND-KINGDOM" QUESTION

1. To what divine institution did Jesus refer in Mark 14:25? _____ How long is this institution to be observed (1 Cor. 11:26)? _____ Does the term "kingdom of God" in Mk. 14:25 referring to an earthly kingdom or a heavenly kingdom? Explain.
2. When was the arrival of the kingdom in reference to
 - a. the preaching of John (Matt. 3:1-2)?
 - b. the preaching of Jesus (Matt. 4:17)?
 - c. the lifetime of the apostles (Mk. 9:1)?
 - d. the prayer Jesus modeled (Matt. 6:10)?
3. What came into existence during this period (question #2) that could be properly understood as the kingdom of God?
4. Read Acts 2:29-36. Where there is a kingdom, there is, of necessity, a _____. Who is this ruler or Lord of whom Peter preached? _____ According to Peter, was this One sitting on the throne in the first century? _____ What do you conclude about Jesus' current position, role or function?
5. Read Acts 17:1-9. What did the opponents of the apostles and the message they preached understand the apostles to be saying about Jesus?
6. Into what does one enter upon his/her new birth (John 3:1-5)?
7. Read Matthew 16:13-19. What did Jesus promise to give to Peter? _____ To what was Jesus referring? _____ Explain when and how Peter began using that which Jesus gave to him (See Acts 2).
8. Read Colossians 1:13. Explain what this verse says about the relation of Paul and the Colossian Christians to the kingdom of God/heaven/His dear son. Specifically, how do you know from this verse that the kingdom had or had not yet come or been established?
9. Read Revelation 1:9. Explain what this verse says about the relation of John and the Asian Christians to the kingdom. Specifically, how do you know from this verse that the kingdom had or had not yet come or been established?
10. Read 2 Peter 1:11; 1 Corinthians 15:50; Galatians 5:21; 1 Corinthians 6:9. To what divine institution did the recipients of these letters belong that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob did not belong (Matt. 8:11)? _____ In what sense or in what place shall all of them be citizens of the same kingdom? _____
When? (Matt. 25:31-40)
11. Write a response to the teaching that Jesus, upon His return, will establish a kingdom on earth.