

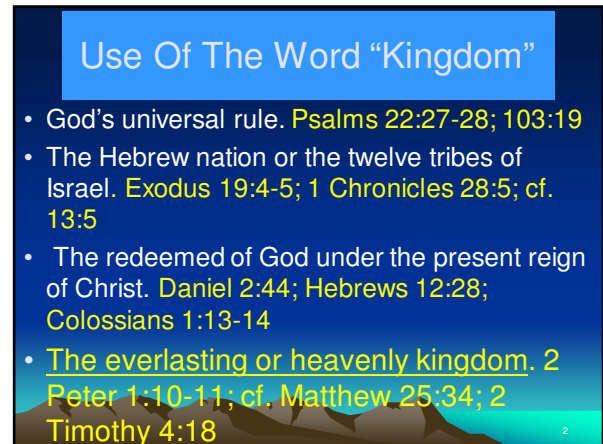
## Inheriting The Heavenly Kingdom

2 Peter 1:10-11; 2 Timothy 4:18



### Use Of The Word "Kingdom"

- God's universal rule. *Psalms 22:27-28; 103:19*
- The Hebrew nation or the twelve tribes of Israel. *Exodus 19:4-5; 1 Chronicles 28:5; cf. 13:5*
- The redeemed of God under the present reign of Christ. *Daniel 2:44; Hebrews 12:28; Colossians 1:13-14*
- The everlasting or heavenly kingdom. *2 Peter 1:10-11; cf. Matthew 25:34; 2 Timothy 4:18*



- Other Expressions Used With Reference To The Heavenly Kingdom ...
  - "The Kingdom" *Matthew 25:34*
  - "The Kingdom of heaven" *Matthew 7:21*
  - "The Kingdom of God" *Galatians 5:21*
  - "The Kingdom of Christ and of God" *Ephesians 5:5*
  - "The eternal (everlasting KJV) kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" *2 Peter 1:11; cf. 2 Timothy 4:18*



### Those Who SHALL Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom

- The Faithful Ones of the present kingdom of Christ ... The Church. *Ephesians 5:23*
  - *Matthew 13:41ff*
  - *1 Corinthians 15:24*
  - *1 Thessalonians 4:13ff*

These are those who "shine forth" in the Kingdom of their Father



### Those Who SHALL Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom

- The redeemed of preceding ages.
  - *Luke 13:22-28*
  - *Hebrews 9:15*
  - cf. *Hebrews 11:8-10, 16*



### Those Who SHALL Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom

- Those who are SAFE.
  - Those who died in infancy or early childhood.
    - Not lost, because they never sinned.
    - Sin is a transgression of LAW. *1 John 3:4; cf. Romans 7:7ff "I was alive once apart from law..." (verse 9) cf. Romans 4:15*
  - These Not Accountable ... *Matthew 18:3-4; Matthew 19:13-14*



## Those Who SHALL NOT Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom...

- Those who follow the works of the flesh. Galatians 5:19ff
  - Those in Corinth were “Washed ... Sanctified ... Justified ...” (1 Corinthians 6:9ff)
  - Cannot continue these things and have “any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.” Ephesians 5:5
  - This manner of life characterized all. Ephesians 2:1ff
  - We are not to have “... fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness ...” Ephesians 5:8

## Those Who SHALL NOT Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom...

- Those who follow the works of the flesh (Galatians 5:19ff), are of “the world.”
  - Citizens of the kingdom have been called “out of the world” and must not “love the world.” 1 John 2:15-17

## Those Who SHALL NOT Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom...

- Flesh and blood shall not inherit the Kingdom. 1 Corinthians 15:50
  - (Kingdom not physical, thus not on the earth for 1000 years.)

## Those Who SHALL NOT Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom...

- Those whose righteousness does not exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. Matthew 5:20
  - Those who say and do not ... Hypocrites Matthew 23:3

## Those Who SHALL NOT Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom...

- Those who trust in riches. 1 Timothy 6:10; cf. Proverbs 3:5-6

## FACTS About The Heavenly Kingdom

- It is an “inheritance,” this means we do not presently have the heavenly kingdom. cf. Acts 20:32
  - We are “heirs.” Romans 8:17-18
- Remember:
  - Kingdom composed of those who are redeemed of all ages. Hebrews 9:15
  - Kingdom composed of those who died in infancy. Matthew 18:3-4

## FACTS About The Heavenly Kingdom

- Benefit of being in this present kingdom is the promise of eternal life in the world to come. *Mark 10:30*
  - But not all who have the promise will receive it, for some will not exercise patience ... *Hebrews 10:36-39*

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## FACTS About The Heavenly Kingdom

- The *“Word of God”* can provide you entrance. *Acts 20:32*
  - *Those who keep His commandments have the right to enter into the eternal city ... cf. Revelation 22:14*
- Must *“Forsake all.”* *Matthew 19:27ff; Mark 10:30*
- Must *“Overcome.”* *Revelation 21:7*
- Kingdom composed of those who live righteously shall inherit *“the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”* *Matthew 25:34*

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## FACTS About The Heavenly Kingdom

- It is *“an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away ...”* *1 Peter 1:3-4*
- It is an *“everlasting kingdom ...”* and can be *“richly supplied.”* *2 Peter 1:10-11*
- **CONDITIONAL:** Must supply necessary virtues. *1 Peter 1:5ff*

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## Conclusion:

- *“Richly supplied” ... even when trials come ...* *2 Timothy 4:6-8*
- *2 Timothy 4:18*
  - *“The Lord will deliver me from every evil work, and will save me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom (be) the glory forever and ever. Amen.”*

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