

#### Use Of The Word "Kingdom"

- God's universal rule. Ps. 22:27-28; 103:19
- The Hebrew nation or the twelve tribes of Israel. Ex. 19:4-5; 1 Chron. 28:5; cf. 13:5
- The redeemed of God under the present reign of Christ. Dan. 2:44; Heb. 12:28; Col. 1:13-14
- The everlasting or heavenly kingdom.
  2 Pet. 1:10-11; cf. Mt. 25:34; 2 Tim. 4:18

#### REVIEW: The redeemed of God under the present reign of Christ. Dan. 2:44; Heb. 12:28; Col. 1:13-14 1. At hand: John the Baptist. Mt. 3:1-3; Jesus. Mt. 4:17; 10:5-7; Mk. 1:14-15; Mt. 16:28; Mk. 9:1 2. Spiritual Kingdom. Jno. 18:36; 3. Spiritual Ruler. Eph. 1:19-23; Acts 2:29ff 4. Spiritual Rule. Lk. 17:20-21; Heb. 8:7ff

5. Citizenship Obtained By Spiritual Birth. Jno. 3:1-6

6. Colossians & Hebrews in this kingdom. Col. 1:13-14;

# The Everlasting Kingdom or The Heavenly Kingdom • Other Expressions Used With Reference To The Heavenly Kingdom... – "The Kingdom" Mt. 25:34 – "The Kingdom of heaven" Mt. 7:21 – "The Kingdom of God" Gal. 5:21 – "The Kingdom of Christ and of God" Eph. 5:5 – "The eternal (everlasting KJV) kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" 2 Pet. 1:11; Cf. Lk. 1:33; Cf. 2 Tim. 4:18

# Those Who SHALL Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom • The Faithful Ones of the present kingdom of Christ.... The Church. Eph. 5:23 -Mt. 13:41ff -1 Cor. 15:24 -1 Thess. 4:13ff

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• The redeemed of preceding ages.

– Luke 13:28

– Heb. 9:13

– Cf. Heb. 11:10

# 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 Jno. 3:4; Cf. Rom. 7:7ff "I was alive once apart from law..." (vs. 9) Cf. Rom. 4:15 - These Not Accountable... Mt. 18:3-4; Mt. 19:14

#### Those Who SHALL NOT Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom... • Those who follow the works of the flesh. Gal. 5:19ff - Those in Corinth were "Washed.. Sanctified...Justified..." (1 Cor. 6:9ff) - Cannot continue these things and have "any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God." Eph 5:5 - This manner of life characterized all. Eph. 2:1ff • We are now to have "No tellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness..." Eph. 5:8

### Those Who SHALL NOT Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom... • Flesh and blood shall not inherit the Kingdom. 1 Cor. 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. Mt. 5:20 -Those who say and do not... Hypocrites Mt. 23:3

### Those Who SHALL NOT Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom... • Those who trust in riches. 1 Tim. 6:10; cf. Prov. 3:5-6

# FACTS About The Heavenly Kingdom • It is an "inheritance," this means we do not presently have the heavenly kingdom. - We are "Heirs." Rom. 8:17-18 • Remember: - Kingdom composed of those who are redeemed of all ages. Heb. 9:15 - Kingdom composed of those who died in infancy. Mt. 18:3-4

#### FACTS About The Heavenly Kingdom

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

#### 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. Rev. 22:14
- Must "Forsake all." Mt. 19:27ff; Mk. 10:30
- Must "Overcome." Rev. 21:7; cf. Rom. 12:21
- Those who "live righteously" shall inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Mt. 25:34

#### FACTS About The Heavenly Kingdom

- It is "an inheritance... into the everlasting kingdom..." and can be "richly supplied." 2 Pet. 1:10-11
  - CONDITIONAL: Must supply necessary virtues. 
    1 Pet. 1:5ff
- Even when trials come... 2 Tim. 4:6-8; 4:18
- It is eternal. *Mt.* 6:19; 2 Cor. 4:18ff; 1 Pet. 1:4-5, 9; 1 Pet. 5:4

#### Conclusion:

- Are you in the kingdom of God today, His Church?
  - Entrance gained by being "born again."Jno. 3:3-5
  - We must be in the Church today (the Kingdom of Christ) as faithful citizens, to inherit the everlasting Kingdom of heaven!!!