

## A FUTURE EARTLY KINGDOM OF CHRIST?

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Will there be a future earthly kingdom of Christ? Many today believe that there will be. Unfortunately, they believe in a doctrine of men, not of the Bible. Consider the following Bible truths...

- ◆ **Jesus said that His kingdom was not of this world (John 18:36).** It is not an earthly kingdom like other worldly kingdoms. Why would anyone be looking for an earthly kingdom when Jesus said His kingdom is not of this world?
- ◆ **Entrance to Jesus' kingdom is by a spiritual birth (John 3:3-6).** One must be born of water and the Spirit to enter the kingdom of God. Earthly kingdoms are entered by earthly, physical means. A spiritual birth indicates a spiritual kingdom.
- ◆ **Jesus said the kingdom was at hand (soon to come) as He began His ministry (Mark 1:15).** If the kingdom is still future today, then Jesus was quite wrong. The fact is, Jesus was right, and the kingdom came in that generation.
- ◆ **The kingdom is already in existence (Colossians 1:13-14).** How could people be "transferred" to something that does not already exist? God's kingdom has come and it is where we find forgiveness and salvation today!

Jesus will deliver the kingdom to the Father at His second coming. That means Jesus reigns now over the kingdom. Its citizens are the members of the church, His body (1 Corinthians 15:24-25).

**Christ's kingdom is here today – are you in it?**