

The Church IS The Kingdom #2

Last week, we examined the textual evidence for the church and the kingdom being identical. There are six more lines of argumentation to consider.

- God set Christ to be head over all things to the church (Ephesians 1:20-23; Colossians 1:18). God set His king on His holy hill of Zion (Psalm 2:6). Since kings are set over kingdoms, Christ has rule over His kingdom (Hebrews 1:3, 8).
- We are heirs and possess an inheritance in Christ, the church, and the kingdom (Romans 8:17; Ephesians 1:11; 3:6; 5:5).
- The "saved," "us," and the "righteous" are "*the house (church) of God*" (1 Peter 4:17-18; Hebrews 3:6; 1 Timothy 3:15). "*Righteousness*" is the scepter of Christ's kingdom (Hebrews 1:8-9; Romans 14:17).
- The "*mountain,*" government, or house (church) of the Lord go forth "*from Jerusalem*" (Isaiah 2:2-3; 1 Timothy 3:15). God set His king upon His holy hill of Zion; His kingdom began "*at Jerusalem*" (Psalm 2:6; Luke 24:47-49; Acts 1:6).
- After His death, Christ was made head over all things to the church (Ephesians 1:20-23; Philippians 2:9-11). "*In thy kingdom*" equals "*into thy glory*" (Matthew 20:21; Mark 10:37). Christ entered into His glory after His death (Luke 24:26).
- We are members of Christ, the church, and the kingdom (1 Corinthians 6:15; Ephesians 5:30, 32; Matthew 11:11; Revelation 1:9).

We can be confident that the church is the kingdom. Premillennialists who claim the opposite find themselves in the unenviable position of arguing against God.

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