

The Church (Kingdom)

By Mike Riley

The church is the spiritual kingdom of Christ on earth. The kingdom and the church have the same identifying marks. A study of the following scriptures reveals they are not separate institutions on the earth:

- 1) Used interchangeably – Kingdom (Matthew 16:19) – Church (Matthew 16:18).
- 2) Comprised of saints – Kingdom (Colossians 1:13) – Church (Colossians 1:2).
- 3) Blood-purchased – Kingdom – (Revelation 5:9-10) – Church (Acts 20:28).
- 4) Comprised of priests – Kingdom (Revelation 1:6,9) – Church (1 Peter 2:5).
- 5) Terms of entrance – Kingdom (John 3:5) – Church (Ephesians 5:26, Tit. 3:5).
- 6) Memorial Supper – Kingdom (Matt 26:26-29) – Church (1 Cor 11:20-27).
- 7) Glory & exaltation – Kingdom (Isaiah 2:2-3) – Church (Ephesians 3:21).
- 8) Time of deliverance – Kingdom (1 Cor 15:24) – Church (1 Thess 4:16-17).
- 9) Have the same owner – Kingdom (John 18:36) – Church (Matthew 16:18).
- 10) Set up David's throne – Kingdom (2 Sam 7:12-16) – Church (Acts 2:29-36).
- 11) Began at Jerusalem – Kingdom (Isaiah 2:2-3) – Church (Luke 24:47).
- 12) Began in latter days – Kingdom (Isaiah 2:2-3) – Church (Acts 2:17-47).
- 13) All nations flow into it – Kingdom (Isaiah 2:2-3) – Church (Mark 16:15-16).
- 14) Time of establishment – Kingdom (Dan 2:44)- Church (Mark 1:15; Luke 3:1).
- 15) Ruler over its inhabitants – Kingdom (1 Timothy 6:15) – Church (Eph 5:23).
- 16) Reward for the faithful – Kingdom (Matt 25:31-34) – Church (1 Cor 15:58).

Conclusion

The conclusion is obvious. The church and kingdom in this present age have the same owner, ruler, terms of admission, membership, memorial supper, etc. In this present time period on the earth, they are identical. Passages like Col 1:13; 2 Peter 1:11; Rev 1:6,9; Rev 5:9-10 along with many others make it abundantly clear that the promised Old Testament kingdom is now in existence! If one denies this fact based on the above scriptural evidence, then he is saying that Jesus was in error in Mark 1:14-15 and Mark 9:1.



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshipping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Elders:

Todd Chapman
Paul Simpson

Deacons:

Wayne Fowler David Garris
Billy Granger Buddy Hollis

Preacher:

Don Delukie

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Don Delukie **Lord's Table-** Charles Fricke
Opening prayer- Wes Chapman **Closing Prayer-** Lyle Russell

February 27th

Announcements- Charles Fricke **Lord's Table-** Don Delukie
Opening prayer- Paul Simpson **Closing Prayer-** Ronnie Hayes

• Communion will utilize self-contained, sealed cups available in the foyer. **Please pick one up upon arrival.**

• Giving is available at a central collection container in the foyer or online at www.sterlingtonchurchofchrist.com.

Announcements

—**Question & Answer Series:** March 6th will be our next Question and Answer Series. Please submit your questions via the church email address SCOC2006@att.net or to Don.

—**Men's Retreat:** The Naff Avenue Church of Christ is hosting a Men's Retreat on March 18-20. Please see the flyer in the Lobby for more details.



Please Pray For:

Billy Granger, John Dehart, Jordan North, Deb McInturff, Debbie Cook, Joanne Randolph, Clyde Wilson, Frank & John McDaniel, Dustin Jordan, Lori McDonald, Ashley & Boyd Dalrymple, Katherine Hebert, Trey Havens, Amy Tinsley, Connie Grenfell, Arthur & Sybil Binford, David Reppond.

Bereaved: Families of Sharon Simpson, Gerald Kilpatrick, Bryan Russell.

Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Trey Jennings, Debbie Walker, Virginia Royal, Renita Thomas, Elizabeth Hollis, Cyndi Powell, Heath Ray, Terrance Dawson, Ann Bolden, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr, Lewis Bedele, Adam White.



February Birthdays

- 1 - Jay Anthony McDaniel
- 8 - Ed Haltom
- 13 - Alex Townsend
- 15 - William (Ronnie) White
- 22 - Sybil Binford

