

Jesus Reigns Psalm 2

Does the word "kingdom" sometimes mean the rule and reign of Christ in the heart of a person as seems to be inferred by **Luke 17:21**? DS

Luke 17:20-21

It is my understanding that the word "basileia" (kingdom) always refers to "rule" and only by extension does it refer to the citizens, the territory or dominion---realm, such as is contemplated when we say "the church" is Christ's kingdom.

Moulton and Milligan (Vocabulary of the Greek New Testament) say, "As kingship or sovereignty in the abstract is necessarily the root meaning of this word, it is easy to see how the passage into the concrete could either be on the lines of our dominion (cf. "our Sovereign and his dominions"), or follow the outward and visible signs of royalty."

When we see the word "kingdom" we should think "rule." Then, after the idea of "rule" is firmly planted in our mind, we may examine the context to see if, in this case, the word is extended to designate the realm of that rule, the people ruled, the nature of that rule (physical or spiritual), or some other extended use. We do ourselves, and our readers or hearers, a grave injustice when we say "the church and the kingdom are the same" without adequate explanation. The erroneous institutional concept of "church" that is so prevalent only complicates and compounds the error. R. L. Whiteside put it well when he wrote: "In its broadest sense the church is that body of people who have been called out of sin into the service of Christ. As Jesus rules over his body of people, it is his kingdom" --Robert F. Turner Plain Talk, April 1974

We Are Rebellious

Psalm 2:1-3

We don't like to be told what to do. We seek to break from boundaries.

Leads to trouble and sure to lead to eternal destruction

Efforts Are Useless

Psalm 2:4-6

God laughs at our attempts to thwart his plans.

David's throne established in heaven and seed would endure forever - **Psalm 89:35-37; Isaiah 11:1-5**

God uses our rebellion to his advantage.

Jews rejected Christ yet their action led to his ascension as king! - **Acts 2:22-24**

Peter teaches that this prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus Christ - **Acts 2:29-36**

Jesus Is King

Psalm 2:7-9

God's plans were set in motion before the earth began - **Ephesians 1:3-10**

Nothing we can do will hinder what God has designed.

His kingdom is not of this world - **John 18:36-37; Revelation 19:16**

Kingdom of Christ is everlasting. Christ Rules from His throne in heaven - **Luke 1:32-33; 22:29-30**

The Creator is in control!

Allegiance Is Our Hope

Psalm 2:10-12

Our best course is to put trust in God and allow him to see us through life.

Christ is King and Rules over His Kingdom, the church - **Ephesians 1:18-23**

Submit to the authority of Christ and become a citizen of His kingdom - **Matthew 28:19-20**

We are called into His kingdom by the gospel - **2Thessalonians 2:14**

Brings great benefit and reward in the end and peace in this life beyond our understanding.

A citizen must continue to walk worthy of this calling - **1Thessalonians 2:12**

Are You Willing To Let God Take The Lead?

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