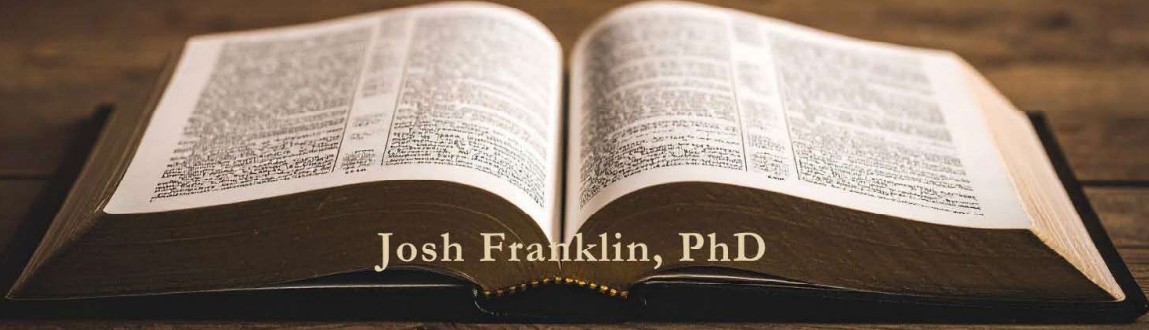


FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH

THROUGH THE BAPTIST FAITH AND MESSAGE 2000



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Thy Kingdom Come

Article 8: The Lord's Day¹ - "The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should include exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private. Activities on the Lord's Day should be commensurate with the Christian's conscience under the Lordship of Jesus Christ."

Exodus 20:8-11; Matthew 12:1-12; 28:1ff.; Mark 2:27-28; 16:1-7; Luke 24:1-3,33-36; John 4:21-24; 20:1,19-28; Acts 20:7; Romans 14:5-10; I Corinthians 16:1-2; Colossians 2:16; 3:16; Revelation 1:10.

1. Biblical Foundation:

- Commemorates Christ's resurrection (Matthew 28:1).
- Observed on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7).
- A day for public and private worship (Revelation 1:10).
- Activities should align with Christian conscience (Romans 14:5-6).

2. Theological Observations:

- Not a legalistic Sabbath but a celebration of Christ's resurrection life.
- Encourages rest and worship (Hebrews 4:9-10).

3. Practical Application:

- Prioritize worship and community (Hebrews 10:25).
- Reflect on Christ's resurrection and its implications for daily life.
- *In what ways can observing the Lord's Day enhance your spiritual growth?*

¹ From the *Baptist Faith and Message 2000*, <https://bfm.sbc.net/bfm2000>.

Article 9: The Kingdom² – “The Kingdom of God includes both His general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King. Particularly the Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike commitment to Jesus Christ. Christians ought to pray and to labor that the Kingdom may come and God’s will be done on earth. The full consummation of the Kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age.”

Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Matthew 3:2; 4:8-10,23; 12:25-28; 13:1-52; 25:31-46; 26:29; Mark 1:14-15; 9:1; Luke 4:43; 8:1; 9:2; 12:31-32; 17:20-21; 23:42; John 3:3; 18:36; Acts 1:6-7; 17:22-31; Romans 5:17; 8:19; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 11:10,16; 12:28; 1 Peter 2:4-10; 4:13; Revelation 1:6,9; 5:10; 11:15; 21-22.

1. Biblical Foundation:

- General Kingship: God’s rule over the universe (Genesis 1:1) and His authority as Creator (Acts 17:24-25).
- Particular Kingship: His Personal rule over those who acknowledge Him (John 18:36) and trust Him for salvation.
- Ultimate Kingship: Will be consummated at Christ’s return (1 Corinthians 15:24-28).

2. Theological Observations:

- He presently rules and reigns in general and in particular. We await His ultimate rule and reign.
- Jesus’s kingdom (His rulership) is currently within believers (Luke 17:20-21).

3. Practical Application:

- Pray and labor for God’s will on earth (Matthew 6:10).
- Live as subjects under God’s rule.
- *How does understanding the Kingdom of God impact your daily decisions?*

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