

Eternity part 3: The Kingdom of God

Eternity has invaded time!

John 17:3

Eternal life is “knowing” God

What if salvation is not mostly about getting us into eternity but getting more of eternity into us!

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“When is this world going to get better? What is going to change its course and how do we bring about something better than this?”

Eternity has invaded time...

Eternal life, Salvation, Kingdom of God

What is the kingdom of God?

Mark 1:14-15

The gospel of Jesus is that the Kingdom of God is at hand!

Revelation 19:16

“The kingdom of God is God reigning. It is present wherever what God wants done is done. It is the range of God’s effective will, and his reign is from everlasting to everlasting. It is the natural home of the soul!” Dallas Willard

We find the climax of the story in God, the King of the cosmos, choosing to step into our human skin on our planet.

John 1:14

1) The kingdom of God is a present reality!

“The Kingdom of God is like...”

God's kingdom is all around us.

2) The kingdom of God is also a future reality!

God's kingdom is here and not yet fully realized, and since we live as those who are striving to be a part of that kingdom, we have our feet in two worlds—in the rebellious/broken world and in the kingdom of God. When Jesus talks about the kingdom, he's talking about a vision for the future and a vision of how to live in the here and now! The kingdom of God is what you work toward in your life.

“Jesus came among us to show and teach the life for which we were made. He came very gently, opened access to the governance of God with him, and set afoot a conspiracy of freedom in truth among human beings. Having overcome death, he remains among us. By relying on his word and presence, we are enabled to reintegrate the little realm (our kingdom) that makes up our life into the infinite rule of God (God’s Kingdom). And that is the eternal kind of life. Caught up in his active rule, our deeds become an element of God’s eternal history. They are what God and we do together, making us part of his life and him part of ours.”

--Dallas Willard, Divine Conspiracy

“Repent and believe”

Rethink everything you think you know about who God is, who you are, and what you think the good life you crave actually is. Put your trust and confidence in King Jesus, who saves you, frees you, heals you, and leads you to the life you deeply ache for...the Kingdom of God eternal life!