

What Southern Baptists Believe

An overview of *The Baptist Faith and Message 2000*

Session 13: Article IX – The Kingdom

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.

I. The _____ of the Kingdom (Already and Not Yet)

A. _____

B. _____

II. _____

III. May His Kingdom _____

IV. _____

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.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. How does being citizens of a different kingdom influence how you live? How does it affect your view of this world?
2. How do you understand the struggles of this world in view of the Kingdom of God?
3. How would you explain the Kingdom of God to a friend who doesn't know Jesus?

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