

Another Kingdom

Every culture is influenced and shaped by its leaders and icons. Followers of Jesus are called out of the culture where we stand and into another kingdom.

- I. v.13-14 Following King Jesus changes everything.
 - A. v.13a *He has _____ us from the domain of darkness...*
 1. This world is broken. 1 John 5.19b. *The _____ world lies in the power of the evil one.*
 2. Romans 1.28-32 *The death that we _____.* Think we are above it? We might have yelled “crucify.”
 3. Every leader and every nation is broken as well. *We have no King but Caesar.* Who is your King?
 - B. v.13b-14 *...transferred us into the _____ of his beloved Son.*
 1. 1 Corinthians 1.26-27 Consider your _____.
 - C. v.14 Jesus offers redemption, instead of chains.
- II. v.15-19 King Jesus is God... and he reigns.
 - A. v.15 *He is the image of the _____ God...*
 - a) *The _____ of all creation.* First-born used here as a title, similar to heir.
 - B. v.16-17 He is previous, present and permanent.
 - C. v.19 The _____ of God dwelt in him.
 1. Jesus had the perfect grace of God.
 2. Jesus also held the perfect standard of holiness.
- III. v.20 King Jesus has already won.
 - A. v.20a *To _____ to himself all things...*
 1. Jesus’ purpose is to be a bridge between God and people.
 2. And to help them resolve the tension... set it right.
 - B. v.20b *Making _____ by the blood of the cross.*
 1. A sacrifice is required to set something right.
 2. Jesus taught us what love for God and for people looks like.
 - C. John 16.33 *Take heart, I have overcome the world.*
- IV. We are His People
 1. People who orient our identity. We know who we are.
 2. People who align our heart with God’s heart. Love his way.
 3. People who rejoice in healing. Share the victory.

Have you given your allegiance to Jesus? Do you trust him with your life? It’s time for us to fully embrace the purpose God has given us and lean into our identity. We aren’t part of any kingdom of this earth—we belong to Jesus.

Scripture

Colossians 1.13-20

Blanks

Delivered

Whole

Deserve

Kingdom

Calling

Invisible

First-born

Fullness

Reconcile

Peace

Questions

What is the “domain of darkness?”

What makes Jesus’ kingdom different from every earthly kingdom?

What are the implications of Jesus’ kingship?

What was the purpose and mission of Jesus when he came to earth?

What are the characteristics of someone who lives in Jesus’ kingdom?