

Article IX. The Kingdom

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[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.](#)

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1. God is sovereign over the universe

2. The Kingdom of God is made up of those who follow God by faith in Christ.

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1. Jesus is King

Jeremiah 23:5-6. Isaiah 9:6-7

2. The realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike commitment to Jesus Christ
Colossians 1:13, John 3:3

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1. This doesn't mean that we are trying to speed the return of Christ by evangelizing the world.
Acts 1:6-7, Acts 17:30-31

2. Jesus taught us to pray "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."
Matthew 6:10

3. The kingdom of God is an already and not yet.
1 Corinthians 15:24-28, Revelation 11:15

4. We look forward to the future that God has prepared for us in Christ
Hebrews 11:10

5. We share the gospel and evangelize the lost with the truth of Christ and an awareness of the coming judgment

Mark 1:14–15

The kingdom is often overlooked in the desire to understand and know the future or the return of Christ. But, the emphasis in this article of our faith is not when Christ will return, or even that Christ will return. The emphasis of this is that Christ reigns and His kingdom is particularly made up of those who have been saved by grace through faith.

1. God's kingdom operates according to and in obedience to His Word

2. God's kingdom represents Him to the world.

1 Peter 2:4–5