

## **WEDNESDAY SERMON**

**Willow, Alaska**

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**Scripture Reading: 1Co. 15:22-28**

**Text:** Multiple

**Subject: CONFESSION OF FAITH SERIES – Christ: The Kingdom; Future Manifestation Article 20**

**SCRIPTURE READING: 1Co 15:22-28 (KJV)** *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. **23** But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. **24** Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. **25** For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. **26** The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. **27** For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. **28** And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.*

In our last message from our Confession of Faith, we considered article 18 concerning **Jesus Christ; Christ: His Kingly Office**. Now we come to the article 20 in which we study Christ: The Kingdom: Future Manifestation. Let us now read article 20 of our Confession of Faith. Remember, beloved, this is what we say we believe.

### **20. The Kingdom: Future Manifestation**

This kingdom shall be more fully manifested when Christ shall come in His glory to reign among His saints, when He shall put down all rule and authority under His feet, that the glory of the Father may be perfectly

manifested in His Son, and the glory of the Father and the Son in all His people.

*1Co.15:24-28; He.9:28; 2Th.1:9, 10; 1Th.4:15-17; Jn.17:21, 26.*

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**Let us consider the definition of the word "kingdom." The Hebrew**

**word:** ממלכה mamlakah *mam-law-kaw'* is the word which is translated as kingdom in the OT. It is also translated as: royal 4, reign 2, king's, but most times as kingdom. The word kingdom in the NT is translated from the Greek word "βασίλεια basileia *bas-il-i'-ah*". That Greek word is translated as: kingdom (of God) 71, kingdom (of heaven) 32, kingdom (general or evil) 20, (Thy or Thine) kingdom 6, His kingdom 6, the kingdom 5, (My) kingdom 4, misc 18; for a total of 162 times.

*Webster's 1828 Dictionary* defines the noun "kingdom" as:

1. The territory or country subject to a king; an undivided territory under the dominion of a king or monarch. The foreign possessions of a king are not usually included in the term kingdom. Thus we speak of the kingdom of England, of France or of Spain, without including the East or West Indies.
2. The inhabitants or population subject to a king. The whole kingdom was alarmed.

John the Baptist, Jesus, the apostles, and the Lord's churches preached and shall continue to preach the "gospel of the Kingdom" until the end of the age.

**Mt 3:1-2 (KJV)** *In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, **2** And saying, Repent ye: for **the kingdom of heaven** is at hand.*

**Mt 4:17 (KJV)** *From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand.*

**Mt 4:23 (KJV)** And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the **gospel of the kingdom**, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

**Mt 10:5-7 (KJV)** *These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The **kingdom of heaven** is at hand.*

**Ac 28:30-31 (KJV)** And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, **31** Preaching the **kingdom of God**, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

**Mt 24:14 (KJV)** *And this **gospel of the kingdom** shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

### **The Kingdom was Predicted of Old:**

**Da 2:41-44 (KJV)** *And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. 42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. 43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. 44 **And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.***

Please notice that the God of heaven shall set up a kingdom in the days of these kings (the kings which rule over the broken earthly kingdom which is as iron mixed with miry clay – partly strong, and partly broken.) The kingdom of heaven already exists and is seen in the LORD's churches on earth. Announcement that the "kingdom of heaven is at hand" was preached by John the Baptist and our Lord Jesus Christ. But the setting up of the visible kingdom with Christ as king over all the earth will be occur during the days of these kings mentioned in Daniel 2:44.

Let us notice our support scriptures (we have already read this one from 1Co. 15:22-28, but let's read it again.

**1Co 15:22-28 (KJV)** *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. 24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.*

**Please note that:**

1. Those that are Christ's shall be made alive at Christ's coming.
2. Then comes the end, when he (Christ) shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

3. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.
  - a. The man of sin, the false prophet, and their armies shall be destroyed at Armageddon when Christ returns with his saints.

**Re 19:19-21 (KJV)** *And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. 20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.*

**Re 20:14 (KJV)** *And **death** and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*

4. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

This is when eternity begins anew.

**Heb 9:28 (KJV)** *So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*

Blessing upon blessing – our Lord was once offered to bear the sins of many. That means he died for all of those given him by the

Father. These are looking for him – and to them shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Praise His name!

**2Th 1:7-10 (KJV)** *And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, **8** In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: **9** Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; **10** When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.*

All of us are troubled at various times. We expect trials because we are appointed to them just as we were appointed to believe and be saved.

**Php 1:28-29 (KJV)** *And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. **29** For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;*

**1Th 4:13-18 (KJV)** *But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. **14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. **15** For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. **16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: **17** Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:*

*and so shall we ever be with the Lord. **18** Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

Look at this closely. To whom is this written? It is written to the church of God at Thessalonica. Therefore, it has application to the Lord's churches of all ages. Our being gathered to him with the resurrection of the dead saints is a huge step in the visible kingdom. He has washed us from our sins in his own blood and made us both kings and priests – and, we shall reign on the earth. (Rev. 1:5-6; 5:8-10).

**Re 5:8-10 (KJV)** *And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. **9** And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; **10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.***

**Joh 17:20-26 (KJV)** *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; **21** That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. **22** And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: **23** I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. **24** Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me*

*before the foundation of the world. **25** O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. **26** And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.*

What a joyous prayer is this – the high priestly prayer of Jesus Christ, that we should be together with him where he is and behold his glory. And so, we shall when the full manifestation of His kingdom comes. Until then, we pray as he taught us: “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.” Even so, come, Lord Jesus!