

Introduction - The Kingdom of Heaven

The Biblical terms - Kingdom of Heaven or Kingdom of God - refer primarily to that redemptive activity of God, manifested in the person and work of Jesus Christ, whereby those who believe the gospel are delivered from the power of sin, death, Hell, the world, and Satan and are brought into a living relationship with God.

The Kingdom of Heaven is thus to be viewed as a supernatural invasion into Satanic territory (kingdom) as a testimony to the present defeat of Satan which defeat will be finalized in the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This explanation of the Kingdom of Heaven in its present form, whereby it finds its clearest expression in the church, is not meant to imply that there will not be a more complete manifestation of the kingdom whereby Jesus Christ, the King, will come in His glory to reign.

The popular definition of the Kingdom of Heaven as "divine rule" is to be understood within this context. All facets of divine sovereignty and providence are related to His redemptive activity among men. We enter the kingdom through the new birth, the manifestations of grace in our daily life are evidences of a kingdom relationship, and we look forward to a yet deeper participation in the Kingdom of Heaven as a part of our future inheritance.

(A helpful article on this difficult subject is found in Baker's Dictionary of Theology published by Baker's Book House.)

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