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# Church in Regina

## Church Pursuit & Fellowship

## THE KINGDOM

### God's Goal Being the Kingdom

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*According to the Bible, the kingdom is the Lord Jesus who came to sow Himself into us as the seed of life. When He sows Himself into us. He becomes the kingdom inside of us. In Himself the Lord Jesus is the King. When He comes into all of us, He is the King plus "dom." The kingdom is simply the King plus "dom." Isaiah 53:2 tells us that this Jesus in the flesh had no beauty or attractiveness that we should desire Him. **Yet He is the King!** He is the seed of the kingdom. However, this King will never be satisfied to remain by Himself alone. He wants to have the "dom." How can He have the kingdom? By spreading Himself into people like ourselves. The Lord Jesus is the King, and we are the "dom." Thus, we are the kingdom.*

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## Scripture Readings:

1 Cor 4:17-20 - Because of this I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, even as I teach **everywhere in every church**. Now some have become puffed up as though I were not coming to you. But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord wills, and I will ascertain not the speech of those who are puffed up but the power. **For the kingdom of God** is not in speech but in power.

Here we have another proof that the church is the kingdom. Paul says that in every place and in every church he teaches the same thing. Verse 17 appears to be related entirely to the church. However, in verse 20 Paul mentions the kingdom of God. If we read verses 17 and 20 in their context and put all the aspects together, we will see that the real church life is the kingdom. The kingdom is not something in word but in power and impact. The church is the kingdom, and the kingdom is the reality of the church life.

1 Cor 6:9-11- Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not **inherit the kingdom of God**? Do not be led astray; neither fornicators nor idolaters nor adulterers nor effeminate nor homosexuals; Nor thieves nor the covetous, not drunkards, not revilers, not the rapacious will **inherit the kingdom of God**. And these things were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified **in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God**.

Gal 5:19-25- And the works of the flesh are manifest,... of which I tell you beforehand, even as I have said before, that those who practice such things will **not inherit the kingdom of God**... But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts. If we **live by the Spirit**, let us also **walk by the Spirit**.

Paul says that the evil, immoral persons will “not inherit the kingdom of God” (5:21). Then Paul mentions the fruit of the Spirit (v. 22). This is the church life, the Christian walk, and **the Christian walk is the kingdom**. He goes on to say that we who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh (v. 24). That which has no part in the kingdom of God has been crucified. The flesh and all its lusts have been crucified. **We are a crucified people**. However, this is just the negative aspect; we also have the positive aspect. In verse 25 we are told that since we have life by the Spirit, we should also walk by the Spirit. **To have life by the Spirit and to walk by the Spirit is the church life, and this church life is the kingdom**. From this we can see that the kingdom is not merely something in the future but also something that is present today.

Romans 14:17 - For **the kingdom of God** is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy **in the Holy Spirit**.

Many Christians cannot see that the church is the kingdom because Christianity is full of confusion and division. Admittedly, it is difficult to say that Christianity is the kingdom. But in the Lord's recovery the kingdom is the church life. The church life is the kingdom of God. The kingdom is not a mere dispensation. **Are eating and drinking a dispensation? The kingdom is not eating and drinking; it is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit**. When we live in the Holy Spirit, we have the spiritual life, and this spiritual life under the ruling of the Lord Jesus is simply the reality of the church life. This is the kingdom that is unshakable (Heb. 12:28). This kingdom can never be shaken, because the gates of Hades cannot prevail against it. The church is the unshakable kingdom.

## Hymn (#1301)

1 Jesus the kingdom has come into us,  
Reigning and shining He's all glorious,  
Christ as the seed is the King who has come,  
Into our spirit His kingdom He's sown.

O let Him grow, O let Him grow;  
His kingdom life be all we know.  
Jesus, the kingdom is sown into us;  
Jesus, the kingdom, O how glorious!

2 We must repent for the kingdom's at hand;  
All that we do, think, or feel, or have planned  
Must be abandoned and changed in our mind;  
Leave all the world and self-seeking behind.

3 All of religion has missed it again,  
Teaching for doctrines the concepts of men;  
They vainly wait for the kingdom to be.  
A dispensation they're hoping to see.

4 But now the kingdom to us has been shown,  
It is no less than our Jesus alone.  
It is the Person of Christ in us all,  
And it begins as a seed when we call.