## "The Kingdom of God" Matthew 6:33

Question: What is the Kingdom of God? (The answer will surprise you)

**Answer**: living under the rule and sovereignty, of Jesus Christ.

The Kingdom is what we look forward to as we learn God's will for His people's future, both in heaven and on earth. Some important points about God's new kingdom are:

God's new kingdom will rule over both the heavens and the earth for eternity, with complete perfection, peace, unity, and righteousness. Revelation 21:1

Men and women will be chosen to rule with Christ in this kingdom or government. Christ's search for those who would be a part of His Kingdom. Romans 5:17; Romans 8:17; Revelation 1:6

## How active is the kingdom of God?

Individual believers today, however, are being ruled and trained in holiness by the Kingdom, on a one-to-one basis, by the Holy Spirit within them. <u>Acts 1:8</u>

Jesus is teaching us how we should pray; then why does it seem so hard for the kingdom of our God to come?

Could it be because of <u>disobedience</u> or <u>unbelief</u> or because people refuse to <u>submit</u> to His Lordship or just simply reject it all together? <u>John 7:1-5</u>, <u>Matthew 13:53-58</u>, <u>Mark 6:1-6</u>,

**<u>Disobedience</u>** will always forfeit the will of God in one life. <u>Matthew 19:21</u>

Obedience is allowing oneself to be led by the Spirit. Psalm 37:23-24, Luke 4:1,13-14.

## Where is the kingdom of God?

The kingdom of God is wherever Jesus is king! (This will surprise you also. <u>Luke 17:21</u>). If Jesus is king in your heart, then the kingdom of God is within you

Because Jesus is king in heaven, then the kingdom of God is also in heaven Psalm 103:19.

While Jesus walked the earth, He used miracles to announce that the kingdom of God was with them Luke 11:20

And when the reign of Christ is fully realized on earth, then the kingdom of God is on earth Revelation 5:10.

Whenever God's will is done, the kingdom has come. The two phrases say the same thing. This is the reason we pray "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" Matthew 6:10

## Who will be allowed to enter it and who will be rejected? Matthew 5:19,

Only those who willingly submit to and obey God who wholeheartedly desire to live his way for all eternity, will be allowed entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven. They will be sealed righteous forever and have access to the tree of life (Revelation 22:11, 14).

Those who also have the truth revealed to them but still adamantly reject their Creator will also have their choice honored. Revelation 21:8.