

## Is the Kingdom in Existence Today? [Matthew 16:18-19](#)

Is this an important question and worthy of our study?

I believe it is because there are so **many false doctrines that arise out of the belief that the kingdom has not yet be established.** The most prominent of these is the doctrine of [premillennialism](#).

The key to answering our question lies in the fact that the church and the kingdom are the same thing.

There is general agreement that the Lord's church was established on the first Pentecost after Christ ascended into heaven. Consequently, if one can prove that the kingdom is the church and that the church was established on Pentecost, we have the answer to our question.

To prove that the church and the kingdom are the same thing, we need only to look at [Matthew 16](#). In [verse 18](#), Jesus tells Peter that He will build his "church" on the rock of fact that He is the Son of God. In the very next verse ([19](#)) Jesus tells Peter the He will give him the keys of the "Kingdom." It would be very presumptuous of any one to say that Jesus is talking of two different institutions here. The context demands that "church" and "kingdom" are both referring to the same thing.

Also, if the kingdom is not in existence today, there must be some very old people living somewhere in the world. In [Mark 9:1](#), Jesus said that some that stood before him would not die before the kingdom had come with power. That statement was made nearly 2000 years ago.

The Kingdom of God exists today and we (Christians) are part of it

We can prove that the kingdom is in existence today by the fact that it is referred to in the Bible as being in existence. [Colossians 1:13](#) tells us that we have been translated into the Kingdom of God's dear Son. It has to exist for that to be possible. [Hebrews 12:28](#) tells us that we have received a kingdom which cannot be moved. Also, the apostle John said that he was in the Kingdom ([Revelation 1:9](#)).

-- Ralph Price --

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# WELCOME

to the  
Church of Christ  
meeting at Mack Road

This morning's sermon:  
Jesus versus human calculation?  
Mark 13:21-22



### Congregational Meeting Times:

#### Sunday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship Service 10:30 am

Evening Service 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 10:00 am

Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

## Visitors

*The members here would like to offer a special welcome to our visitors today. Please allow us to shake your hand and talk with you, as we take great joy in getting to know you. Visitor cards are available at the pews for you to provide us with a record of your attendance. We appreciate you taking the time to fill these out.*

### Important dates to remember:

#### March:

Sun. 15th - Business Meeting at 4:15 PM

#### Fellowship Opportunities:

Sun. 1st - **Group 1** meets following evening services

Sun. 8th – Progressive Singing beginning at 2:00 pm

**April:** Mexicali Mission Trip for April 6-11 cancelled due to some safety concerns, local missionary work planned instead, see Mike for details

#### Classes

**Growing Kids God's Way:** Tuesdays at 6:45pm at the Stiltz home.

**New Converts Class:** 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5:00 at the building.

**Young Adults Class:** Fridays at Caleb's (Steve Sarff's) home. See Caleb for details.



### *Ladies House to House Fellowship*

We are starting a new book, it is from the Life Principles Study Series  
Lesson Book: "Developing Inner Strength, Living in the Joy of God's Love"

**Next class:** Sunday, **March 15th** at **Mavrey Uptegrove's** home.

Please prepare lesson 1. If you do not have a lesson book, please see Mavrey Uptegrove.

April 19th - Jennifer Stiltz

#### MEMBER'S CORNER

Isaiah 55: 8-11

For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways  
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
And do not return there without watering the earth  
And making it bear and sprout,  
And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;

So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth;  
It will not return to Me empty,  
Without accomplishing what I desire,  
And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

#### **Anniversaries this week:**

Bill and Helen Turner	March 8
William and Eseta Garrison	March 10