

HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a



Talking about The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Your kingdom come. What does this mean?

The kingdom of God truly does come of itself, without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.

How is this done?

The kingdom of God comes to us when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His Holy Word, and live a godly life here on earth and in heaven forever.

293 What is meant in this petition by the kingdom of God?

The kingdom of God is the kingdom of grace in which God rules in the hearts and lives of believers and which one day will become the kingdom of glory in heaven where those who are saved are with Christ in perfect happiness forever.

Romans 14:17 "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

Luke 17:20b-21 "...The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

Colossians 1:13-14 "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

294 Why do we pray, "Your kingdom come"?

1. We pray this because we cannot enter God's kingdom of grace by our own power, but it must come to us.

John 6:44 "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him."

2. We pray this because we want God's kingdom of grace to come to all people everywhere.

1 Timothy 2:3-6a "This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all..."

Matthew 9:38 "...therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

3. We pray this because we want Jesus to return to begin His kingdom of glory.

Revelation 22:20 "He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

