

## Inheriting The Heavenly Kingdom

2 Peter 1:10–11; 2 Timothy 4:18

## Use Of The Word “Kingdom”

- ▶ God’s universal rule. Psalms 22:27–28; 103:19
- ▶ The Hebrew nation or the twelve tribes of Israel. Exodus 19:4–5; 1 Chronicles 28:5; cf. 13:5
- ▶ The church, the redeemed of God under the present reign of Christ. Daniel 2:44; Hebrews 12:28; Colossians 1:13–14
- ▶ The everlasting or heavenly kingdom. 2 Peter 1:5–11; cf. Matthew 25:34; 2 Timothy 4:18

### ▶ Other Expressions Used With Reference To The Heavenly Kingdom ...

- “The Kingdom” Matthew 25:34
- “The Kingdom of heaven” Matthew 7:21
- “The Kingdom of God” Galatians 5:21
- “The Kingdom of Christ and of God” Ephesians 5:5
- “The eternal (everlasting KJV) kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ” 2 Peter 1:11; cf. 2 Timothy 4:18

## Those Who **SHALL** Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom

### ▶ The Faithful Ones of the present kingdom of Christ, –The Church. **Ephesians 5:23**

- Matthew 13:41ff ← These are those who “shine forth” in the Kingdom of their Father
- 1 Corinthians 15:24
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13ff

## Those Who **SHALL** Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom

### ▶ The redeemed of preceding ages.

- Luke 13:22–28
- Hebrews 9:15
- cf. Hebrews 11:8–10, 16

## Those Who **SHALL** Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom

### ▶ Those who are **SAFE**.

- Those who died in infancy or early childhood.
  - Not lost, because they never sinned.
  - Sin is a transgression of LAW. 1 John 3:4; cf. Romans 7:7ff “I was alive once apart from law...” (verse 9) cf. Romans 4:15
- These Not Accountable ... Matthew 18:3–4; Matthew 19:13–14

## Those Who **SHALL NOT** Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom

### ▶ Those who follow the works of the flesh. Galatians 5:19–21

- Those in Corinth were "*Washed, Justified and Sanctified*" (1 Corinthians 6:9ff)
- Cannot continue these things and have "*any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.*" Ephesians 5:5
- This manner of life characterized all. Ephesians 2:1ff
- We are not to have "... *fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness ...*" Ephesians 5:8

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## Those Who **SHALL NOT** Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom

### ▶ Those who follow the works of the flesh (Galatians 5:19ff), are of "*the world.*"

- Citizens of the kingdom have been called "*out of the world*" and must not "*love the world.*" 1 John 2:15–17

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## Those Who **SHALL NOT** Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom

### ▶ **Flesh and blood shall not inherit the Kingdom. 1 Corinthians 15:50**

- Kingdom not physical (John 18:36), thus not on the earth for 1000 years.
- No marriage in the heavenly kingdom. Matthew 22:23ff; cf. Genesis 2:24 "*one flesh.*"

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## Those Who **SHALL NOT** Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom

### ▶ Those whose righteousness does not exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. Matthew 5:20

- Those who say and do not ... Hypocrites. Matthew 23:3

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## Those Who **SHALL NOT** Inherit The Heavenly Kingdom

### ▶ Those who trust in riches. Mark 10:23–25; 1 Timothy 6:10

- cf. Proverbs 3:5–6, "*Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart, And lean not upon thine own understanding: In all thy ways acknowledge him, And he will direct thy paths.*"

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## FACTS About The Heavenly Kingdom

- ▶ It is an "*inheritance.*" This means we do not presently have the heavenly kingdom. cf. Acts 20:32
  - We are "*Heirs.*" Romans 8:17–18
- ▶ *Remember:*
  - Kingdom composed of those who are redeemed of all ages. Hebrews 9:15
  - Kingdom composed of those who died in infancy. Matthew 18:3–4

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## FACTS About The Heavenly Kingdom

- ▶ Benefit of being in this present kingdom is the promise of eternal life in the world to come. Mark 10:29–30
  - But not all who have the promise will receive it (*Conditional*), for some will not exercise patience. Hebrews 10:36–39

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## FACTS About The Heavenly Kingdom

- ▶ The “*Word of God*” can provide you entrance. Acts 20:32
  - Those who keep His commandments have the right to enter into the eternal city. cf. Revelation 22:14
- ▶ Must “*Forsake all.*” Matthew 19:27–30; Mark 10:30
- ▶ Must “*Overcome.*” Revelation 21:7
- ▶ Kingdom composed of those who live righteously shall inherit “*the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*” Matthew 25:31–34

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## FACTS About The Heavenly Kingdom

- ▶ It is “*an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away*” 1 Peter 1:3–4
- ▶ It is an “*everlasting kingdom ...*” and can be “*richly supplied.*” 2 Peter 1:10–11
- ▶ **CONDITIONAL:** Must supply necessary virtues. 2 Peter 1:5ff

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## Conclusion:

- ▶ “*Richly supplied*” ... even when trials come ... 2 Timothy 4:6–8
- 2 Timothy 4:18
- ▶ “*The Lord will deliver me from every evil work, and will save me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom (be) the glory forever and ever. Amen.*”

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