**WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD?**

We are members of the Oak Ridge church of Christ. We call ourselves Christians ([**Acts 11:26**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%2011:26)) and we hold to the Bible as our one and only Truth. Church of Christ is a biblical description of Christians who work together for the cause of Christ ([**Ro. 16:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%2016:16)). We are independent assemblies with no organization beyond our own number as described in [**Phil. 1:1**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Philippians%201:1). There are Christians across the world working with local congregations of God’s people such as described in [**Rev. 2**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Revelation%202)**-3**. Christians are members of Christ’s body, which is also known as His Church ([**Acts 2:47**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%202:47)**,**[**Eph. 5:23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%205:23)). Our mission is to stand for God’s truth (the gospel) and teach it to all people ([**Matt. 28:18-20**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Matthew%2028:18-20)**,**[**Romans 1:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%201:16)**,**[**1 Tim. 3:15**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=1%20Timothy%203:15)). We are accountable to our one and only Head Jesus Christ ([**Eph. 1:22-23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%201:22-23)**,**[**Col. 1:18**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Colossians%201:18)).

There is a lot of confusion in the world today about the Kingdom of God. Some say it is a future kingdom where Jesus will rule on this earth. Some say it is a Kingdom in Heaven reserved only for special privileged people, while the rest of the faithful have no hope of leaving this world. Some say that the kingdom of God is one that is linked to a specific nation here on earth, and that permits that nation to try to dominate the world. Tonight we want to study about the true spiritual kingdom of God! Please open your Bibles and follow along as we study about the **Kingdom Of God**.

1. Not a Physical Worldly Kingdom (**Matthew 16:19, John 18:36**)

2. Spiritual (**Ephesians 2:19-22, 1 Peter 2:4-10**)

3. The Kingdom is also Heavenly (**Philippians 3:20-21**)

4. As a flock of Sheep (**John 10:16**)

5. The Kingdom is the Church (**Matthew 16:18-19, Colossians 1:13-18, Hebrews 12:22-29**)

6. Jesus Christ is Head (**Ephesians 5:23, 1 Peter 5:4**)

7. The Body of Christ (**Colossians 1:24; Ephesians 1:22-23**)

8. The Body is made up of Christians (**1 Corinthians 12:12-27, Ephesians 4:11-16, 1 Peter 2:4-5**)

9. Purchased with Jesus' Blood (**Acts 20:28, Hebrews 10:10**)

10. Was to be preached (**Matthew 4:23, 24:14, Acts 8:12**)

11. Is Eternal/Everlasting (**2 Peter 1:11**)

12. Will not pass away like Heaven and Earth (**Daniel 7:13-14, Luke 1:32-33, Revelation 11:15**)

13. Cannot be shaken (**Hebrews 12:28, Daniel 2:44**)

14. Peace is found within (**Romans 14:17, 1 Corinthians 14:33, Colossians 3:15**)

15. Holy and without blemish (**Ephesians 5:26-27**)

16. A place for the humble or unassuming (**Matthew 5:3, 11:28-30**)

17. Some would see the Kingdom (**Matthew 16:28, Luke 9:27**)

18. Some were waiting for the Kingdom (**Mark 15:43**)

19. The Kingdom was within or among them (**Luke 17:20-21**)

20. We are now in the Kingdom (**Revelation 1:9; Colossians 1:13**)

21. The children of God are to seek first the Kingdom (**Matthew 6:33, 7:21**)

22. In the Kingdom we should serve (**Matthew 5:19, 7:21-24, 1 Peter 4:7-11**)

23. The bad will be sifted out of the Kingdom (**Matthew 13:24-29, 36-43**)

People involved with religions that are not the Kingdom of God have a problem. They are separated from God by their sins. Only by repenting and being baptized into the Lord Jesus Christ can anyone have their sins forgiven (**Acts 2:37-39**). Then and only then will the Lord add them to His Kingdom (**Acts 2:47**). ***What about you tonight? Have you obeyed the commandments of the King? Have you been baptized for the remission of your sins?*** If you have not, we plead with you to read and obey the commandments of God before it is too late.

We invite all in our audience to our Bible studies on Wednesday at 7pm and Sunday morning at 9am. We would love to study God’s together with you! Please check the scriptures we have covered tonight. We want to help you in any way we can. Contact us for Bible studies by telephone, e-mail, or simply come to one of our assemblies. Contact: We assemble at 225 North Purdue Ave. in Oak Ridge at 9am on Sundays and 7pm on Wednesdays; oakridgechurch.com; [david.barry@oakridgechurch.com](mailto:david.barry@oakridgechurch.com), [murray.wade@oakridgechurch.com](mailto:murray.wade@oakridgechurch.com); (865) 693-1416

We plan to have a re-airing of this program next Monday, August 14, 2023 and on September 4, 2023. Our next live program is planned for September 11, 2023 when we plan to study “**How Can A Nation Forget God and Jesus?**” We hope to see you next time on **"Speaking The Truth In Love".**