

MESSENGER



CHURCH of CHRIST
of the
Palm Beaches

A Kingdom not of this World

Do a word search on “kingdom” in the New Testament, and you’ll be surprised at how often it pops up. That’s because the kingdom of God was a very important topic in first-century A.D. Christianity, and rightly so. Jesus preached about it throughout Galilee, declaring that it was at hand (Mark 1:14-15; cf. Matt. 4:23; 9:35; Luke 4:43; 8:1). It was the theme of both the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 4:23; 5:1-3, 10, 1920; 6:10; 7:21-27) and the majority of his parables (cf. Matt. 13:44-46). He sent his disciples out to preach about it (Luke 9:1-2, 5960; 10:1, 9-11). He preached about it after he died and was resurrected (Acts 1:3). After he ascended, his followers preached about it (Acts 8:12; 14:21-22; 19:8; 20:25; 28:23, 30-31) and wrote about it (cf. 1 Thess. 2:12; 2 Thess. 1:5). As seen above, while on trial Jesus said to Pilate that his kingdom “is not of this world” (John 18:36). Other comments he made give us an inclination about the nature of his kingdom. When a scribe complimented Jesus’ answer about what is the greatest commandment, Jesus said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God” (Mark 12:28-34), indicating that the scribe’s understanding of the Scriptures put him in close proximity to the kingdom. In a way that meant he was close to the geographical borders of a kingdom? No, for Jesus’ kingdom isn’t of this world. Thus, Jesus was showing that the kingdom is spiritual in nature (cf. Luke 17:20-21). Paul told the Colossian Christians that God had transferred them into the kingdom of his Son (Col. 1:13). The writer of Hebrews told the Hebrew Christians that they had received a kingdom (Heb. 12:28). John said to the churches of Asia Minor that Jesus had made them a kingdom and that he was partners with them in the kingdom (Rev. 1:6, 9). That tells me that the kingdom of God is the church, Christians are citizens of that kingdom, and Jesus is its King.

Paul also said that at the end when Christ returns he will give the kingdom back to his Father after destroying all other rules, authorities, powers, and after having put his enemies under his feet, including death (1 Cor 15:24-28). On that day his angels will take out of his kingdom all who unrepentantly disobey God and cast them into hell, after which the righteous in the kingdom “will shine like the sun” (Matt 13:41-43). Christian, what kind of citizen of God’s kingdom are you? Are you submissive to the King in all things, or are you unrepentant in your sin? Are you even a part of his spiritual kingdom to begin with? If not, do what they did in the New Testament (Acts 8:12). Repent of your sins, confess your faith in Christ, and be baptized into his body (Acts 2:38; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 12:13), which is his church (Col 1:18), which is his kingdom (Col 1:13).

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TIME OF SERVICES:

Sunday Bible Study: 9:00am

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Sunday Evening Worship:
6:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study:
7:30pm

If you are interested in a home Bible study or would like a free Bible correspondence course with which to study by mail, please inform the minister or any of the men leading worship services. We are glad you are here!

Welcome New Members!

Tiffany Har'

Addition Does Not a Contradiction Make

WELCOME!

Welcome to the services of the church of Christ of the Palm Beaches! You are our honored guest!

We are a congregation of the church of which you can read in the Bible. We strive to do Bible things in Bible ways and to call Bible things by Bible names; to be Christians and Christians only. It is our goal to simply and plainly preach and teach New Testament Christianity.

You will find our worship simple and according to the New Testament pattern. We worship the same way that Peter, Paul, and John worshipped—In spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

Our Headquarters is in heaven, our Creed is Christ and our book is the Bible. The Bible only will make Christians only and that is our plea.

We certainly hope that all we do will be encouraging and uplifting to you. Please take a moment to fill out a visitors' card located in the pew in front of you and place it in the card holder at the end of the pew.

“... the churches of Christ salute you.” (Romans 16:16)

Suppose a man is telling a story about the time he and his wife went shopping at the mall. The man mentions all the great places in the mall to buy hunting supplies and cinnamon rolls. The wife tells about the same shopping trip, yet mentions only the places to buy clothes. Is there a contradiction between the stories just because the wife mentions clothing stores but the husband mentions only cinnamon rolls and hunting supplies? No. They are simply adding to (or supplementing) each other's story to make it more complete. That happens quite often in the resurrection accounts in the Gospels. For example, the Gospel of Matthew names “Mary Magdalene and the other Mary” as women who visited the tomb early on the first day of the week (Matthew 28:1). Mark cites Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome as the callers (Mark 16:1). Luke mentions Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and “the other women” (Luke 24:10). Yet John talks only about Mary Magdalene visiting the tomb early on Sunday (John 20:1). Do these different lists contradict one another? No, not in any way. They are supplementary, adding names to make the list more complete. But they are not contradictory. If John had said “only Mary Magdalene visited the tomb,” or if Matthew stated, “Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were the only women to visit the tomb,” then there would be a contradiction. As it stands, no contradiction occurs. To further illustrate this point, suppose that you have 10 one-dollar bills in your pocket. Suppose further that someone comes up to you and asks, “Do you have a dollar bill in your pocket?” Naturally, you respond in the affirmative. Suppose another person asks, “Do you have five dollars in your pocket?,” and again you say yes. Finally, another person asks, “Do you have ten dollars in your pocket?” and you say yes for the third time. Did you tell the truth every time? Yes. Were any of your answers contradictory? No. Were all three statements about the contents of your pockets different? Yes—supplementation not contradiction.

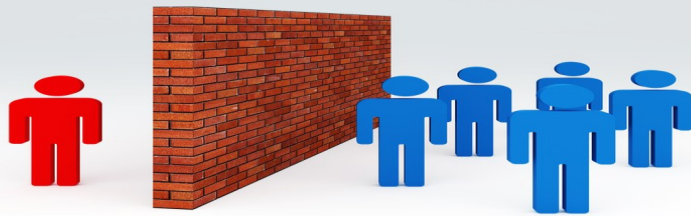
Under this heading falls many an alleged discrepancy. Take, for instance, the situation between 1 Corinthians 10:8 and Numbers 25:9.

“Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand” (1 Corinthians 10:8).

“And those that died by the plague were twenty and four thousand” (Numbers 25:9).

We must remember that we are not asking whether these two verses say different things. We are asking whether the different things that they say can be reconciled without violating any logical boundaries. The answer is a resounding “yes.” If 24,000 died, is it not the case that 23,000 died as well? Once again, applying the principle of supplementation dissolves the problem immediately.

The supposed contradiction between these two verses is further repudiated when it is realized that 1 Corinthians 10:8 mentions a specific time—“one day”—while in Numbers 25:9 the time is not limited to a single day. The fact is, 23,000 could have died in one day and 1,000 could have died the day after. Once again, after looking closely at the verses under discussion, it becomes evident that no discrepancy exists.



Barriers to Christian Fellowship

There is no greater relationship on earth than the relationship that exists as a result of being in Christ. Fellowship with God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, and all who are in Christ, is limited by culture, by color, or by country. Unfortunately, the barriers to fellowship that were torn down by the cross (Eph. 2:12-16) are often barriers that some attempt to erect, not realizing that doing such not only is a barrier to their fellowship with God's people, it is a barrier to their fellowship with God. Why? Because to withhold fellowship from those who, being in Christ, and walking in the light (1 John 1:5-7) is itself walking in darkness. The only thing that can remove sin's barrier to fellowship with God and His people, is the blood of Christ (Acts 22:16; 1 John 1:7-10). That blood, which was shed for all regardless of their culture, their color, or country. Will you choose Satan's barrier or the Savior's blood? While one will continue to build the barrier to fellowship with God, the other will break down the barrier to fellowship with God. Which will you choose? The choice you make will impact with whom you have fellowship.

Jamie Beller



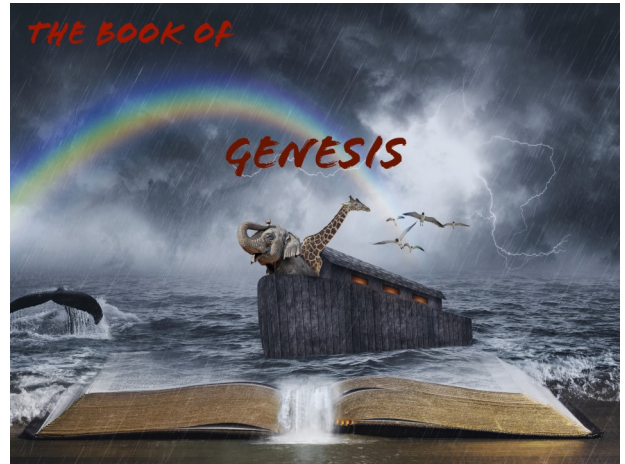
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Welcome!

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here!



***Come study with us on Wednesday
nights at 7:30 as we study...***



June Birthdays:

Linda Martin 06/15
Richard Gathright 06/18
Reanna Johnson 06/28
Tom Ramsey 06/28
Richard Gray 06/30

June Anniversaries:

Eriberto and Cande Vasquez 06/16
James and Vicki Claiborne 06/24
Tom and Benita Ramsey 06/27

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Morning Worship

Lead Singing: Sterling Frederick
Opening Prayer/Scripture: Angus May
Presiding at Table: Ron Cullom
Serving at Table: Richard Gray
Chuck Canteen
N/A
N/A
Closing Prayer: John Smith

Sunday Evening Worship

Lead Singing: N/A
Opening Prayer/Scripture: N/A
Preside at Table: N/A
Serve at Table: N/A
N/A
Closing Prayer: N/A

Wednesday Bible Study

Lead Singing: Norman Delong
Opening Prayer: Jim Bowman
Invitation: Heath Johnson
Closing Prayer: Jim Rogers

THOSE TO SERVE:

If you cannot serve, notify Angus May as soon as possible. Please arrive no later than 10 minutes prior to service start and meet in front of auditorium no later than 5 minutes prior to service start.

NEWS and NOTES



Keep in your prayers...

Jan Richardson

Albert Sparks

Reanna Johnson

Betty Vaughn,

Ricky Johnson

Dennis MacDougall

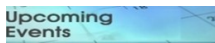
Jack Lee

Donna MacDougall

Laverne Byzek

Dixie Griffith,

Several of our members have family members who are part of law enforcement, please pray for the following that they will be safe during this time of unrest: **Michael** and **Marshall Morakis**, **Dink Bowman**, and **Dan Wilson**.



Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ will be having a **Vacation Bible**

School on **Saturday June 20th from 10:am until 2:00pm**. Register online by **June 13th**. A flyer is on the round table in the foyer.



We appreciate all who have been donating to the pantry during this time of extended use. A pantry donation box has been added to the foyer for ease of drop off of pantry goods. **Canned meats** and **shelf stable foods** are what is needed most at this time. Also please remember to retrieve any personal items that may be stored in the pantry area no later than **June 30th**.

Avail yourself to the new literature rack in the foyer, great publications are there.



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Our Record

Attendance MAY 31

Sun. Bible study:	N/A
Sun. AM	39
Sun. PM	N/A
Wed. Bible study:	17

Today's Sermons

AM: Our New Normal:
Christians in a Pagan World

PM: N/A

The Gospel Plan of Salvation:

Hear God's Word
Romans 10:17

Believe the Gospel
John 20:30-31

Repent of Your Sins
Luke 13:3

Confess Faith in Jesus
Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized
Acts 2:38

Live Faithfully
Revelation 2:10