

## KINGDOM STARTED ON PENTECOST, # II

There are three passages of scripture (among others) which establish the fact of the kingdom being in existence after the day of Pentecost. These passages should be considered carefully and deliberately, concerning **when the kingdom came into existence**.

**COL. 1:13**, is one of the **first** passages we shall consider: *"13 who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love."* As one reads this passage he is impressed with the thought of the pronoun, **"us."** In this passage Paul includes himself as being **"in"** the kingdom. If Paul was in the kingdom, the kingdom was in existence while he was on the earth. This is simply saying: *"3 Or are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death,"* Rom. 6:3. This is when he was released from the *"power of darkness"* and became a member of *"the kingdom of God."* Paul is affirming in Col. 1:13 – *"I am in the kingdom."* He experienced the **"new birth"** and thus entered the kingdom of God, Jno. 3:5. **The kingdom was in existence!**

**HEB. 12:28**, is the **second** passage we shall consider: *"28 Wherefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and awe: 29 for God is a consuming fire."* In this passage it is affirmed, *"Wherefore, **receiving a kingdom.**"* So, from this testimony we observe the kingdom in existence; but you see, this was about 20 years after the "Day of Pentecost," at which time the Church – Kingdom began. Again during the days of the apostles it is stated **the kingdom was in existence!**

**REV. 1:9**, is the **third** passage we shall consider: *"9 I John, your brother and partaker with you in the tribulation and kingdom and patience which are in Jesus, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus,"* The aged Apostle John is affirming **he was in the kingdom**. From this we learn John had been *"born again,"* Jno. 3:5. As a result of him being "born again" he was in the kingdom of God, Jno. 3:5. The fact is established that John was in the kingdom. So, it is stated that **the kingdom was in existence**.

**BEFORE** the day of Pentecost the Word of God establishes the fact of the kingdom **coming** in the future and after the day of Pentecost, the Word of God establishes the fact of the kingdom **being** in existence. Before Pentecost, it is coming and after Pentecost it is in existence. Who can deny that the kingdom of God came on the day of Pentecost – that is what we have contended for in the article KINGDOM STARTED ON PENTECOST, and in this article today, the KINGDOM STARTED ON PENTECOST # II.

So, we have John and Jesus looking forward to the coming kingdom and Paul and John stating it is already in existence! Does one need additional proof? If I look closely at Peter's statement in Acts 11:15 we can observe the fact of Pentecost, in 33 A.D. as being the **"beginning!"** Caa .....

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