Not of This World

The Nature of the Kingdom · The Kingdom of God

Jesus declared to Pilate that His kingdom is not of this world. If it were, His servants would fight. The kingdom of God is not meat and drink but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. It does not come with outward observation—no one can point and say 'here it is' or 'there it is.' The kingdom conquers not through political power or military might but through the preaching of the gospel and the work of the Spirit. It is entered not by birth or citizenship but by new birth—being born again of water and Spirit.

Key Verses

John 18:36

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Romans 14:17

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

John 3:3-5

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God... Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 4:20

For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

Luke 17:20-21

The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Colossians 1:13

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

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