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It's Already Been Done in Heaven

Matthew 16:13

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

Matthew 16:14

“Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”

Matthew 16:15

Then he asked them,
“But who do you say I am?”

Matthew 16:16

**Simon Peter answered,
“You are the Messiah,
the Son of the living God.”**

Matthew 16:17

Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being.

Matthew 16:18

Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

Matthew 16:19

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The three terms *Kingdom of Heaven*, *God's Kingdom*, and *the Kingdom of God* in the Bible are all referring to the same thing: it is where God is and where He fully reigns.

Principle #1

The Kingdom of God was partially inaugurated into human history through the person of Jesus Christ and it remains here through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 12:28

But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Matthew 12:29

For who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger— someone who could tie him up and then plunder his house.

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Principle #2

The Kingdom of God should be understood as the ultimate reality wherein God exercises His omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence to accomplish His perfect plans.

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The Church was created for the purpose of displaying in every evil age the life, fellowship, and power of the reality of the Kingdom of God on earth as an anticipatory witness to the full establishment of the Kingdom of God when the Lord Jesus returns.

Ushering Through

- Obedience to the Master
- Radical Life Change
- Limitless, Compassionate Love for One Another
- Justice and Mercy
- Diverse Fellowship
- Genuine Humility
- Supernatural Forgiveness

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Ephesians 2:10

**For we are God's masterpiece.
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Jesus, so we can do the good
works he planned for us long ago.**

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Testing the Works

- Initiated by God
- Scripturally Supported by the Entirety of the Bible
- Faithful and Moral
- Supported by Wise Counsel
- A Conviction in Many People's Hearts

Testing the Works

- **Holy Spirit Empowered – Accompanied by Supernatural Activity**
- **Tangibly Reflects God's Heart, Mind, and Kingdom**
- **Unarguably Brings True Honor, Glory, and Praise to the King of Kings**

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