

# ***DRILLING BIBLE BASICS (II)***

## **THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

### Introduction

- 1) A primary and basic principles of spiritual knowledge is **The Kingdom of God**
  - a) God exists and is the Creator of all things (Gen. 1:1; Acts 14:15-17; Rom 1:20)
  - b) Foolish to deny God (Psa. 14:1); God is looking for those who will seek Him (v. 2)
- 2) Seeking God means believing in His divine *nature* and submitting to His sovereign *rule*
- 3) We are to seek *first* the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33)

### I) **“Kingdom”**

- A) “Kingdom” = sovereignty, royal power, dominion
  - 1) The kingdom of God is the realm of God’s sovereign rule and dominion
- B) Where God rules and has dominion, His kingdom exists (Psa. 22:27-28; 145:10-13)
  - 1) And God *continually rules* over *all things* from His heavenly throne (Isa. 66:1-2)

### II) **God’s Sovereign Rule over All Things (Psalm 103:19)**

- God is supreme as... A) Creator (Isa. 40:21-26; Col. 1:15-17)
- B) Authority (1 Tim. 6:15; Dan. 4:34b-37)
  - C) Lawgiver (Jas. 4:12; Psa. 19:7-8)
  - D) Judge (Gen. 18:25; Acts 17:31)
  - E) Sustainer (Psa. 145:14-16; Acts 17:28)
  - F) Savior (Isa. 45:15, 21b; 1 Tim. 4:10)

### III) **Sin = Man’s Rebellion Against God’s Rule (1 John 3:4)**

- A) Genesis 3:11, 17; 6:5, 12
- B) Isaiah 1:2-4; Jer. 6:19
- C) Ephesians 4:17-19; Rom. 3:9-18

### IV) **Facts about the Kingdom of God Today (Mark 1:15)**

- A) Jesus Christ, the resurrected Son of God, reigns today with all power and authority given to Him by the Father (Eph. 1:19-23; Matt. 28:19; Dan. 7:13-14)
- B) “Kingdom” used both in general sense of God’s innate sovereign rule (1 Chron. 29:11-12; Matt. 6:33), and in the specific sense of Christ’s faithful followers who have submitted to that rule [territory of obedient hearts] (Matt. 16:18-19; 21:43)
- C) The specific “territory” of God’s faithful people today is the church – those who have been called out of a wicked world into God’s blessed realm of grace and love which are available in Christ (Jn. 3:3-5; Col. 1:13-14; Rev. 1:6; 5:9-10)
- D) All men are amenable to the sovereign rule of God (Acts 17:30), but not all submit to obey His will in order to be fellow-citizens in the kingdom of heaven (Acts 13:46)
- E) At the end, after defeating all enemies, Jesus will deliver His delegated rule back to the Father (1 Cor. 15:24-28), and the faithful will inherit the eternal heavenly kingdom (2 Tim. 4:18); those who have not submitted and obeyed God will be lost (2 Thess. 1:8-9)

### Conclusion

***“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness”*** (Matt. 6:33). Seek God’s kingdom and enter it by being born again (Mk. 16:16). Seek His righteousness – do the will of the Father in heaven by submitting to the grace and law of Christ Jesus.