

V. **The kingdom of glory** – in heaven with believers and holy angels

Luke 24:26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to **enter into His glory**?

John 17:24 “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, **that they may behold My glory** which You have given Me...

Romans 8:16b-17 ... we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that **we may also be glorified together**. 18For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with **the glory which shall be revealed in us**

Romans 8:30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also **glorified**.

Luke 23:43 Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in **Paradise**.”

1 Peter 1:3-5 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to **an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled** and that does not fade away, reserved **in heaven** for you, ⁵who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

A. **The subjects (in bold) and B. The governance of the kingdom (underlined)**

John 5:24 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has **everlasting life**, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

Ephesians 1:20-23 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, **not only in this age but also in that which is to come**. ²²And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³**which is His body**, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

2 Timothy 4:18a, “And the Lord will ... preserve **me for His heavenly kingdom**.

Matthew 25:34, “Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you **blessed of My Father**, inherit **the kingdom prepared for you** from the foundation of the world.’”

The distinction between the Kingdom of Grace and Kingdom of Glory

(The mode of knowledge: Word and sacrament vs. Beatific vision)

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Romans 8:24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?

1 Corinthians 13:9-12 For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away...

(The conditions of their members: cross and tribulation vs. glory)

Acts 14:22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, “We must through many tribulations enter **the kingdom of God**.”

Philippians 3:20-21 For **our citizenship is in heaven**, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Matthew 5:10-12 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹²“Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is **your reward in heaven**, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Romans 8:18-19ff For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with **the glory** which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,

We look forward to the Kingdom of Glory.

Romans 8:25 But if **we hope** for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.
1 Corinthians 1:7-8 so that you come short in no gift, **eagerly waiting** for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Kingdom of Grace and Glory form a unit

Romans 5:2 through whom also we have access **by faith into this grace** in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of **the glory of God**.

Hebrews 12:22-23 But you have come **to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, ²³to the general assembly and church of the firstborn** *who are registered in heaven*, to God the Judge of all, to **the spirits of just men made perfect**,

John 3:36 "He who believes in the Son has **everlasting life**; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Colossians 3:3 For you died, and your **life is hidden** with Christ in God.

Galatians 4:26 but **the Jerusalem above** is free, which is the mother of us all.

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom **of heaven** is at hand."

And Then Thy Kingdom (of Grace) will be the Power and the Glory Forever

Revelation 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "**The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ*, and He shall reign forever and ever!"**

The Kingdom of the devil (the rebellion and disobedience of unbelief) **will be destroyed**, while those who were in it will suffer punishment eternally.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9These shall be punished with everlasting destruction** from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ¹⁰when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

His believers will be priests and kings (III, p.523)

Revelation 1:6 ...and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

2 Timothy 2:12 If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us.

Revelation 5:9-10 ⁹And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, ¹⁰And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

The church remains until the end

Matthew 16:18 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Luke 1:33 "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of **His kingdom** there will be no end."