

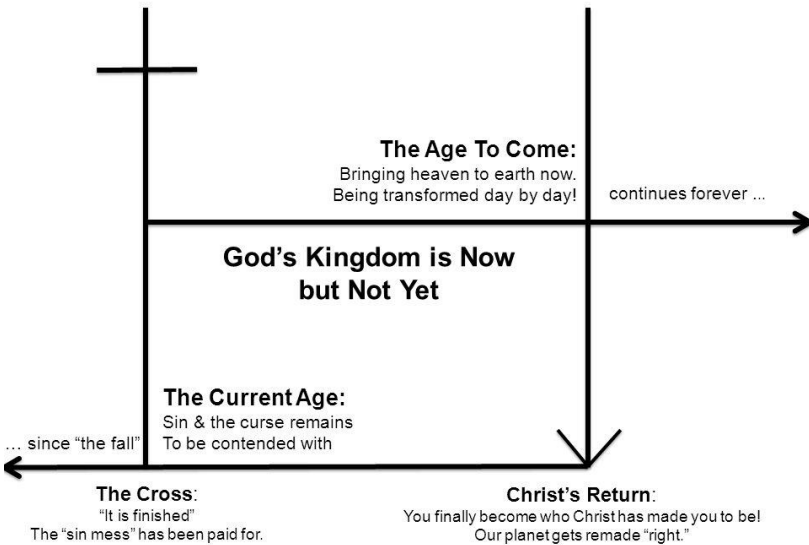
Luke 17:20-37

Kingdom Expectations

A Matter of Expectation

When it comes to the kingdom of God, I think that expectations are crucial to avoid either crushing disappointment on the one hand or a shriveled spiritual life on the other.

Now and Not Yet



Ephesians 6:12

The Kingdom Now – Luke 17:20-21

“Within you” - emphasizing the personal presence of the kingdom
“In the midst of you” - emphasizing the presence of the kingdom in the community of Christ’s followers

Immanent: here **n**_____ in Jesus

Imminent: always on the **w**_____ in this “in between” era ...

Invisible: visible results, but brought about by the unseen power of the Holy **S**_____.

The Kingdom Not Yet – Luke 17:22-25, 37

Jesus is telling his followers of all time, “Expect trouble. Expect violence and suffering. Expect tyranny and injustice. But don’t give up ... for my kingdom will win. And the evidence is that I will rise from the dead.”

What Can We Expect?

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18, NIV84)