

God's Kingdom on the Earth

The church today is God's kingdom on the earth. But the kingdom of God is not yet full grown. As the church continues to grow, eventually it will be ready for the Lord Jesus to come back.

When the Lord Jesus comes back, the church will become His kingdom on the earth in a full way. Since the earth has been damaged by the fall of man, the Lord will spend a long time to restore the earth. The Lord will also be the only ruler on the earth. Today there are many rulers. Today there are always problems among the nations and often there are fightings or wars. But the Lord Jesus' kingdom will be a time of peace and happiness.

The Lord's kingdom will also be a time of righteousness. This means that everything will be right and fair. It also will be a time of rest and satisfaction. Man has always been working and striving, ever since the fall of Adam. But when the Lord returns, man will finally be able to rest and will be completely satisfied.

The Lord's kingdom will be a wonderful time on the earth.



The Bible says that the church is like God's field that is growing.

We should pray for the coming of the Lord's kingdom and be happy that He put us in the church, which is just His growing kingdom today.

God's Creation

- Lesson Twenty-Two -

The Heavens and the Earth Are for Man (11)

In the last few lessons we have been seeing how the earth was created for God's purpose. God's purpose is to gain a big family to express Him. We have seen how God is accomplishing this in the church. In this lesson we will see that in the future, God will establish His kingdom on the earth. The Lord Jesus will be the ruler of the earth as a wonderful righteous King. He will care for all His people and all His enemies will be defeated. This is what the Lord taught us to pray for in what is called the "disciples prayer".

The Lord Taught the Disciples to Pray for God's Kingdom

When the disciples asked the Lord to teach them to pray, He showed them to pray for God's kingdom to come to the earth. He told them **"You pray in this way: Our Father who is in the heavens... Your kingdom come... on earth"** (Matt 6:9-10). The Lord was telling the disciples to pray that the Father's kingdom would come to the earth. For God's kingdom to come to the earth means that God will have His expression on the earth. This will fulfill God's purpose and make Him very happy.



The Bible teaches us that God will have His kingdom on the earth. We should pray for this. This is why we have the church life today.

Memory Verse

You... made them a kingdom and priests to our God and they shall reign on the earth.

Rev 5:10

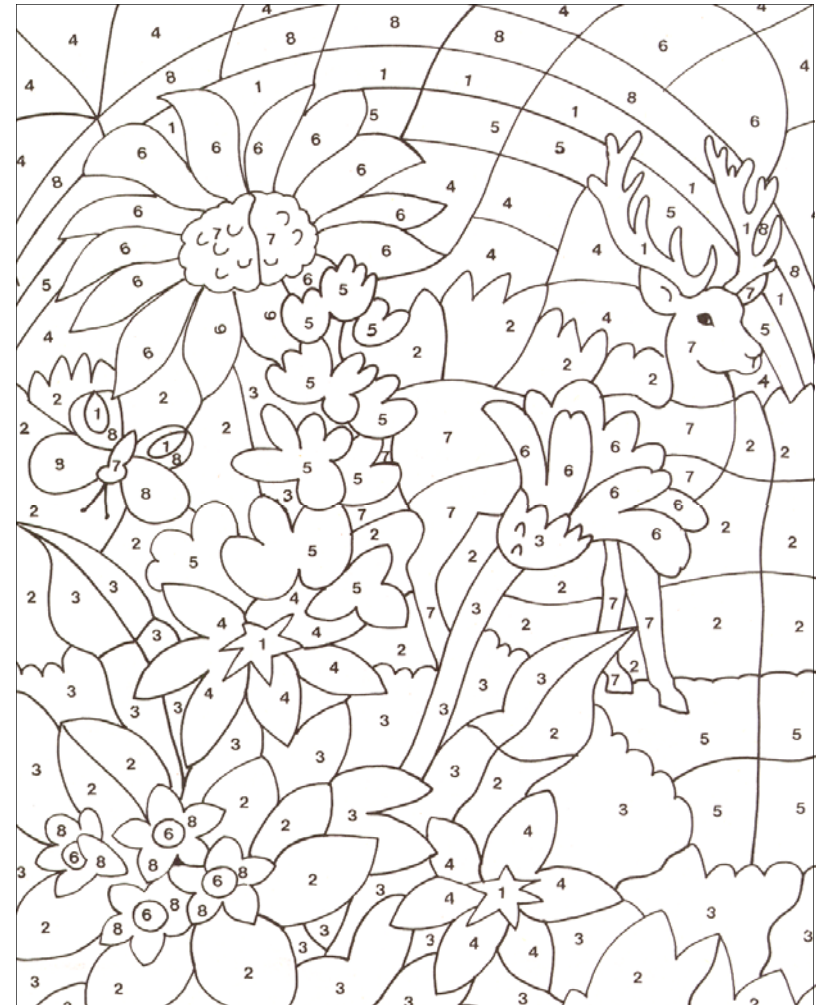
The Church is the Growing “Seed” of the Kingdom

In the Bible, in the Gospel of Mark, the Lord Jesus explains how God’s kingdom actually grows like a crop on the earth. The Lord said that He came to sow the Word of God as the seed. When this seed is full grown, it will become the kingdom of God on the earth. But while it is growing, it is the church life we have today. Just like the corn in the picture



below, you can’t see the corn inside the growing ears, but one day it will be full grown and harvested. Hidden in the church life we have today is the developing kingdom of God.

Color this picture with your colored pencils.



1—yellow 2—light green 3—dark green
4—light blue 5—violet 6—orange 7—brown 8—pink

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