



Life Lines

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Understanding the Kingdom & the Lord's Supper



What is the relationship between the kingdom and the Lord's Supper.

Our Lord promised those disciples in the first century that the kingdom would come in their lifetime. Read the following words carefully as though you were standing in the presence of Jesus. What would you have understood when He said, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power" (Mark 9:1)? Those who believe the kingdom is still future and will be established when Jesus returns to reign for a thousand years have no explanation of Jesus' word. They also have another

problem and that is what Jesus said about the place of the Lord's Supper in the kingdom.

Jesus taught the Lord's Supper would be part of the kingdom. It was in the upper room that Jesus promised He would eat the Lord's Supper with His followers when the kingdom came. Jesus said, "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom" (Matt. 26:29). He and eighty-three other Divinely sent messengers had proclaimed that the kingdom was about to be established. Now in the upper room, what Jesus said placed a time limit on the time it would come. He said, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I say to you I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God

... I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes" (Luke 22:15-18). His words clearly state that the cup with the fruit of the vine as part of that feast was ending and was about to be fulfilled when Jesus would assemble with the disciples at His table, His supper—the Lord's supper. The Passover, as a God-appointed feast, was within a year of coming to an end.

The Lord's Supper became part of the promised kingdom for He made it part of His kingdom, the church. Within two months of His words in the upper room the church began. Peter proclaimed that Jesus ascended on high as an exalted king (Acts 2:20-33). His promised kingdom had come and notice what immediately happened. "They continued steadfastly in the apostles'

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Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Blessed. All of us want to be blessed. We want our family and friends to be blessed. We certainly want our nation to be blessed.

We are blessed if we are pure in heart. We are blessed if we hunger and thirst for righteousness. We are blessed if we are merciful, or if we are peacemakers.

Do you realize we are blessed when we persevere under trials? James tells us "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trials, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him." (1:12)

Problems and trials come into our lives, some from the choices we make, or some from circumstances beyond our control. God doesn't tempt us because He cannot be tempted by evil. (1:13) We are tempted by our own evil desires, which can lead to sin. When we love God and persevere through these trials, we are blessed. Also, He offers the help we need. (1 Cor. 10:13) He makes a way for us to escape it, or to bear it.

The blessing we get from God, for loving Him and obeying Him, is peace and contentment. This peace comes after we have endured the problems and trials. No one is exempt from these trials; they are a part of life. Some are numerous and some come on suddenly. Some may seem impossible to overcome, but if we have faith, we can do it. We will have to be strong but He will give us courage. This is one of His promises. "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." (Rom. 8:28)

Loving God is the key element here, given to us by both Paul and James. We must love God. The blessing may not be in this life. As James says, "the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him."

Remember Our Sick

Braden Lambert – back in Ark Childrens' Hospital with respiratory problems

Greg Widner – hip surgery on 9/ 22

Mary Grice – surgery went well

Liliya McDaniel – back at home condition improving

Yolanda Greenway- back at UAMS- undergoing chemo treatment

Myra Ballinger- recently had surgery and now starting chemo treatment.

Chip Porter- had gall bladder surgery and doing much better

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: Billie Nichols

Legacy Heights:

Bonnie Vinson

Juanita Whitted

Russellville Nsg & Rehab:

Joe Miller

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Juanita Bird, Donna Chambers, Troy/ Rachel Curtis, Dennis Drewry, Johnny Estes, Leota Hickey, Melba Horton, Rhonda Lambert, Ronnie Leavell, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Bea McDaniel, Liliya McDaniel, Linda McDaniel, Connie Myers, Becky Miller, Julie Moss, Michael Tindall, Jon Vance, Joan Vance, Justin Vaughn, Joyce Walters, and Patsy Wisbrock

Military: Pray for our service men and women.

Expectant Mothers:

Beckie Clark

Summary of Micah's recent sermons:

Read your Bible and pray every day
and you will grow! grow! grow!

Nature of the Kingdom
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doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). Jesus had become part of the communion at His table in His kingdom!

The Lord's Supper will end when Jesus returns. "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He come" (1 Cor. 11:26). The words "till He comes" proclaim that at His coming the Lord's Supper will end. Those who see the establishment of the kingdom as a future event cannot reconcile these Divine words with their teaching.

The kingdom has come, as He promised, and He meets with us every week at His table "till He comes."

-Dan Jenkins

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EVENTS

Ladies' Devo
October 15th, 2015
@ 6:30 pm
Hostesses:
Julie Moss and
Karen Womack
@ home of Julie Moss

ATTENTION:
We will be having our
annual Teacher's Banquet
on Sunday evening,
September 20th after
services. We will be
honoring all those who have
taught in our church
ministries for the past year.
Thanks so much for the
extra work that goes into
being the teacher!

THANKS!
A big thank you to Cara and
Presley Williams, Michael
and Elizabeth Robbins, and
Chris, Julie, and Matthew
Moss for picking up our mile
of trash!

Looking ahead:
October 8th – ATU student
center potluck @ 6pm – See
Mary Stamps for more info.
October 10-11th – Trip for teens
to Silver Dollar City – See Chris
or Julie Moss for more info.

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Church of Christ
Children's Church
Every Sunday
11:15 - 12:00 Noon
Ages 4 thru 8
Bible Stories and
Activities
Ages 1 thru 3
Nursery Class

*Be ye kind one to
another.*
Ephesians 4:32



Lawn Care

September 19th
Chris Moss and
Matthew Moss

September 26th
Earl Stamps and
Charlie Davis

September Birthdays

02 Johnny Estes
05 Leota Hickey
06 Deidre Luker
08 Charli Collins
09 Joyce Helton
12 Karla Bowden
16 Michael Robbins
17 Melissa Hagan
Danielle Stepanovich
20 Jannie Myers
21 Michaela Boley
23 Rylie Boley
24 Wayne Strickland
Alan Walker
Gary Williams
25 Joshua Besterfeldt
26 Teresa Bell
Justin Vaughn
28 Donna Walters

Sorry!

We missed birthdays for
Gaven Davis on September
2nd and for Emma Walters
on September 10th. Please
let us know if we miss
yours!

THOSE TO SERVE

September 20th, 2015

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Gary Williams
Earl Whitted

Communion

Podium: Donny Forehand
Serve: Chris Loper
Chris Moss
Corey Hottinger
Dan Cloud

Scripture Reading

Shawn Price

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Marion Helton
Merrell Shoptaw

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Lads & Leaderettes

Communion to Shut-Ins

Donny Forehand

Greeters

The Elders

Wednesday Night Services

@

6:30 p.m.

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes

6:30 P.M.

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Donny Forehand

Brent Hottinger

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Chris Moss

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