

Basics: Kingdom Theology

The Kingdom of God – Already, But Not Yet

“The time has come... The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” — Mark 1:15

The Kingdom of God is God's reign breaking into the present world through Jesus Christ. Because of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we experience the Kingdom now—but not yet in its fullness until Christ returns.

The Kingdom is Already...But Not Yet

This understanding is foundational to Vineyard theology.

What is the Kingdom?

The Kingdom is the active rule and reign of God. Wherever God is King, His Kingdom is present. Jesus came to bring heaven to earth and heaven into us (Matthew 6:10).

The Kingdom Was Inaugurated by Jesus

Jesus proclaimed and demonstrated the Kingdom through preaching, healing, deliverance, miracles, and forgiveness (Matthew 4:23; Luke 11:20; 1 Corinthians 4:20).

Already: Salvation (Ephesians 2:8), Holy Spirit (Acts 2), healing (James 5), authority (Luke 10:19), peace (John 14), adoption (Romans 8).

Not Yet: Illness, death, temptation, persecution, disasters, spiritual warfare, broken relationships (Romans 8:23).

Living in the Tension

Pray for every sick person. Trust God whether healing comes now, gradually, or in eternity. “Everybody gets to play.”

Kingdom Ministry

Jesus modeled Kingdom ministry (Luke 4:18–19). The Church continues His ministry through the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8).

Three Enemies: The World, the Flesh, and the Devil. We fight from victory, not for victory.

Kingdom Values

Forgiveness, humility, generosity, purity, love, and service (Matthew 6:33). Theology must become practice.

The Future Kingdom

Revelation 21 promises no more death, sickness, tears, injustice, Satan, or curse. The “already” becomes the “fully.”

Practical Application

1. Pray with expectation.
2. Don't lose faith while waiting.
3. Live as a citizen of God's Kingdom in every sphere of life.