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The Kingdom

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Lesson X

IS THE CHURCH THE KINGDOM

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:31-46. GOLDEN TEXT: 1Corinthinas 15:50.

1. Did Jesus preach the Good News of the KING-DOM OF GOD? Mark 1:14.

2 When He began preaching this News, after John was put in prison, was a set time fulfilled? Mark 1:15,

first part.

3. Was a certain definite TIME determined to "anoint the most Holy," at which time Christ's ministry began? Daniel 9:24-25. Did God send His Son with this KINGDOM message when a certain TIME was fulfilled? Gal. 4:4

4. At this set time for Christ's preaching of the Kingdom message to begin, was the Kingdom then AT HAND? Mark 1:15. When Jesus was asked when the Kingdom should come, what did He say? Luke 17:21.

5. Is it possible for flesh-and-blood people, such as are in churches today, to have inherited the KINGDOM already? 1 Cor. 15:50.

6. What is it, now WITHIN US, that guarantees our resurrection to immortality and inheritance of the Kingdom? Rom. 8:11.

(NOTE: The Holy Spirit was not given for the church until Christ's ministry and ascension to heaven. Hence, the time having arrived for the coming of the Spirit, which is the means, within us, of inheriting the Kingdom. Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom was AT HAND.)

7. Some had the idea that the Kingdom should appear in Jesus' day. Did He correct that error? Luke 19:11-12

8. Did Jesus set up the Kingdom? Acts 1:6-7.

9. Did Jesus elsewhere say we could not know the exact time of setting up of the Kingdom? Matt. 24:36. Yet, what are we to KNOW from present-day events? Luke 21:31.

10. What three men are certain to be in the Kingdom? Luke 13:28. Are these men yet resurrected? Are

they today in the Church?

II. Whn God's Kingdom is set up, what will it do to present Gentile kingdoms? Daniel 2:44. Has the Church done this?

12. While the CHURCH is not the Kingdom, yet what shall the SAINTS who compose the Church evenually do? Dan. 7:18, 21-22, 27.

13. WHEN shall those who are saved inherit the Kingdom? Matt. 25:31, 34.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 20:17-38. GOLDEN TEXT: Mattew 24:14.

1. What do the Scriptures tell us the Church is? Eph. 1:22-23; 1 Cor. 12:27.

2. Who is the HEAD of this Body? Col. 1:18. In what manner is Christ head of the true Church of God? Eph. 5:23.

3. How did the Church of God come to be CHRIST'S body, thus belonging to Him-did He PURCHASE it,and how? Acts 20:28. Do you think He purchased some one religious organization with His blood? Since it is individual sinners, not organizations, who have forgiveness thru His blood, do not the Scriptures plainly teach that THE CHURCH OF GOD is that body of individuals whose names are written in heaven, instead of some organization?.

4. What are those in the true Church members of? Eph. 5:30. Can we become members of His Body by merely accepting so many points of doctrine approved by a board of men, and then joining an organization? Acts. 2:47. How are we PUT INTO, or baptized into the true Church of God? 1 Cor. 12:13. Can we be Christ's, and members of His Body without the Holy Spirit, even tho we join an organization and accept its doctrine? Rom. 8:9. How many churches does God reorganize? 1 Cor. 12:12, 20.

(NOTE: If, then, the true Church is that collective group of individuals who have the Holy Spirit, making it a SPIRITUAL ORGANISM instead of an organization, is not any organization which lays claim to being the one and only true Church simply a DIFFERENT one from the true Church, and therefore making a false claim?)

PART II. THE GREAT APOSTACY

5. What was the prophesied course of religious organizations claiming to be the true Christian Church?

2 Thess. 2:3; 2 Tim. 4:3-4; Acts 20:29-30.

6. Whom did the Devil persecute? Rev. 12:17. What Rampened to the saints who make up the true Church? Rev. 12:6. Was the apostate church small or great? Rev.

7. Have these church organizations saved the World? Ezek. 34:2, 4-6.

(NOTE: About two-thirds of the heathen now living have never HEARD, and Israel is still under God-im