



Kevin's Korner

Great timing! We just finished our Bible study on the Book of Revelation last week. We were reminded that the central saving act of God for all humanity, all creation, all the cosmos, for all time, was accomplished in Jesus dying on the cross, being resurrected to new physical life, and then ascending into heaven. The power of sacrificial love, the love of the Lamb who was slain for our sin, destroyed the powers of fear, oppression, exploitation, false truths; even the power of empire and even death itself.

God accomplished the reconciliation, the putting back in order, of all the world, once and for all, through Jesus. All that is left is for us to embrace this truth and to let it rule our lives. All that is left is for us to join the "Spirit and the bride" (the church), at the end of the Book of Revelation, in proclaiming "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" Come into my life, so that I can birth this reality of God's kingdom on Earth today, through testimony and loving service in the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain. Come into our lives, as we make this power of love visible within the community of the church.

Celebrating "Christ the King Sunday," this week, we were able to proclaim once again, "Jesus Christ is Lord of all and shall reign as Lord in my life." This is our faith reality. Now how do we make it our life reality? Well, we can't. But God can, if we let Him. There's nothing we can do that will make God's reign, God's kingdom, more real. We can only let it be real in our lives. There's no doing (which is a hard concept for people in the Western world). There is only being, letting it be, letting ourselves be, living in God's kingdom; letting God's kingdom be inside of us, living as if God's kingdom is real and present right now. Because, when we live as if God's kingdom rules are all that matters, then God's kingdom rules *are* all that matter, then God's kingdom rules in our lives, "on Earth as they do in heaven."

Every Sunday, we pray, "Thy kingdom come, on Earth as it is in Heaven." What would happen if we let God answer our prayer in our own lives? The world would change, one life at a time.

Advent begins this Sunday. In worship, we will focus on waiting for Christ to come into our world and into our lives. It's a great focus! But could this be the year that we let Christ be born in our lives? What are we waiting for? What will we do? We will be the church God created us to be. And that will be enough!

Watch out Grand Junction! The kingdom is among you!

Blessings, Pastor Kevin