

I love thy kingdom Lord

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I. Introduction

1. Text Matthew 6:33; 16:13-18; Romans 14:17
2. The kingdom or the church is the most vital institutions to ever grace the earth.
3. It is not earthly in nature – but spiritual Luke 17:21; John 18:36
4. To be in this kingdom is to have citizenship in heaven. Ephesians 2:12; Philippians 3:20
5. When we know what the kingdom is, what it stand for, what it means to be a citizen in it, we would be heartless ingrates not to love it.
6. Let us study the kingdom in the vantage point of the song, I Love Thy Kingdom Lord. (Not in our song books)

II Discussion

1. I Love thy Kingdom Lord
 - a. Who I am made in the image of God. Genesis 1:26
 - b. What He made me. A free moral agent Joshua 24:15
 - c. What I have become – A child of a king, adopted into the family Galatians 4:4-6; 1 Timothy 3:15
 - d. What I am going to be in eternity 1 John 3:2
2. I Love thy Kingdom Lord
 - a. Love is the affection of the heart
 - b. I am told what to love and not love. Matthew 22:37-40; 10:37; 1 John 2:15-17
 - c. Love demands me to:
 - i. Devote my heart to the kingdom Matthew 6:33
 - ii. To protect her good name by godly living Titus 2:11-12
 - iii. To obey her laws Matthew 7:21; Luke 6:46 Galatians 6:2
 - iv. To defend her territory Jude 3
 - v. To serve her cause Matthew 28:18-20
 - vi. To be faithful to her king Revelation 2:10
3. I love Thy Kingdom Lord
 - a. She is His, not mine.
 - b. She is composed of His people John 3:3-5
 - c. He is the king 1 Timothy 6:15
4. I love thy Kingdom Lord
 - a. It is the kingdom of heaven Matthew 4:17; Colossians 1:13
 - b. It originated with God and was established by Christ
 - i. Prophesied by God Isaiah 2:2-4; Daniel 2:44
 - ii. Promised by God Genesis 3:15; 12:1-3
 - iii. Prepared for by John Matthew 3:1-3
 - iv. Purposed by God Ephesians 3:10
 - v. Purchased by Christ Acts 20:28
 - vi. Perfected by Holy Ghost Acts 2
 - vii. Promoted by the apostles in their preaching
 1. the Plan of salvation

- 2. Organization
- 3. Name
- 4. Mission
- 5. Hope
- viii. Furthermore I love her because
 - 1. She is enduring Hebrews 12:28
 - 2. She is governed by divine law
 - 3. Her mission is unlimited Matthew 28:18-20
 - 4. She never changes heads, Lords or Saviors Acts 2:36
Hebrews 13:8
 - 5. Heaven is our destiny
- 5. I love thy kingdom Lord
 - a. Jesus is Lord Acts 2:36
 - b. By accepting Him as Lord, I have settled every issue of life. He commands, I obey Hebrews 5:8-9

III Conclusion

- 1. I love thy kingdom Lord!
- 2. We need, ought to, sing this song with spirit and understanding also. 1 Corinthians 14:15
- 3. We must love the kingdom with our whole being
- 4. We demonstrate that love by doing what the law says John 14:15, 21,23,24
 - 6. Won't you do it now!

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