

- Order of Service -

Call to Worship

Welcoming Prayer

- 504, *Trust and Obey*
- *My worth is not in what I own*
- 497, *May the mind of Christ my savior*
- *Turn your eyes*

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Life in Messiah's coming kingdom on Earth

What will it be like for us? Part 2

Ephesians 1:3-12, Col 1:9-14

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You may notice we don't pass an offering plate

We invite you to participate in the ministry, and the offering box in the foyer is for your gifts and offerings for the Lord's work.

- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Galatians 6:6 -

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Teaching -

Eric Peterman

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It is typical to think of the doctrine of last things, including the messianic kingdom (the kingdom of God/heaven) primarily in terms of timing and events. While these are certainly exciting, key features of the Biblical revelation, they are secondary to the central living Person, work and offices of the Messiah, Jesus, the Son of God, in the plan and pleasure of God the Father:

Col 1:19-20 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, 20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

Our immortal future, as the sons of God, in the resurrection body, ruling and reigning with Him in His Messianic kingdom and beyond rests entirely on the plan and pleasure of the Father, through the reconciliation of spiritual and physical realities via the merit and cross-work of Jesus

Let's take a look at where these three passages from the apostle Paul converge:

Eph 1:9-10 point out a future dispensation/administration and age where heaven and earth are, together brought out of their present state of decrepitude to their full intended design. This is the millennial kingdom of God! "Thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"

V11 and 14 directly connect the present possession of the title deed, (with the Spirit as a promissory signature) of our future inheritance in that kingdom. *The [last portion of Ephesians](#) is instruction on how to live and walk right now with that future in mind!*



Col 1:9-14 *begins with instructions on how to live and walk right now in view of v12-13:*

v12 then urges a life of thanksgiving because the gracious and loving work of the Father *has qualified us (done deal) to share in the inheritance of the saints in light - that is in the kingdom of messiah.*

v13 The Father did *huge actions*:

- 1) **Rescued** us from the authority/power/domain of darkness and
- 2) **Transferred us** to the (millennial) kingdom of His Beloved, the Son!

This transfer is *de jure* – it is a future actuality (we're not there yet) spoken of as *so certain, that it is stated in the past tense!* (cont...)

Cont... When the kingdom arrives at the 2nd Coming, and us with it in great glory and power, then our inheritance will be *de-facto* – a present possession and reality.

Don't forget v14! *In whom – in Christ, the Last Adam*

It is in Him alone, and on virtue of His kind work on our behalf, that we can't do, that we graciously possess all this.

How do we get there? How does this work? Let's turn our attention now to the prophetic, messianic Psalm 110.

v1, This is the *present session of the Lord Jesus Christ*. He enjoys a time of rest. His kingdom is in abeyance in this present age and waits for the Father to complete his work.

V2a corresponds to the catastrophic judgments of the 2nd Coming of Christ, in Matt 24, Zech 14:1-5, etc.

v2b corresponds to Matthew 25:31, the initiation of the actual kingdom of God/heaven, the 1,000 year rule, when Jesus begins to reign as King of king and Lord of lords.

V3 the response of His people when He rules as king on the earth is powerful and pure! *Our part in that Rev 2:26-27.*

v4 makes a startling claim about Messiah! He is not only a king, but also a priest! But not of the Levites per the Law.

V5-6, fills in the events of 2a that lead finally to the peace, glory, and verdant beauty of the kingdom. **V7** shows the satisfaction of the Son of David when He has accomplished all this.

What is our place in in that world soon to come?

To see our intimate connection with our Lord,
See Rev 1:5-7, and Rev 5:1-10.

How then should we live and and think and feel and respond to this, our sure future in Him?

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