

SERMON NOTES

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EMBRACING THE PRESENT REIGN OF CHRIST

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BIG IDEA: The kingdom of God is a <u>powerful</u>, <u>visible</u>, <u>growing</u> reality.

THE KINGDOM declared

The eternal reign of Jesus was prophesied from old. (Deuteronomy 18:15; Isaiah 9:6-7)

The eternal reign of Jesus was announced during his first advent. (Matthew 3:1-2; 4:17; 10:6-8)

THE KINGDOM prepared

The old covenant system was fulfilled and <u>obsoleted</u>. (*Matthew 5:17-18; John 19:30; Luke 22:20; Hebrews 8:13*)

The new was established and His reign began. (Acts 2:29-36; Daniel 7:27; Ephesians 1:19-23)

THE KINGDOM advanced

The church has grown daily without fail.

THE ongoing KINGDOM: A CALL TO ACTION

The kingdom only grows through active <u>engagement</u>. (Romans 10:14; 2 Corinthians 6:7; 10:3-5)

There is a reward for those who respond actively. (Esther 4:12-14; 1 Corinthians 3:14-15)