

Lesson 3 - By M. Brawner

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Page 49 – Protestant Teaching: Invisible Church and Invisible Kingdom

According to this theory, all born again make up the Church

- Allowed Protestants to say they, as true church, departed from RCC
- Also allowed them to claim a spiritual lineage from time of Christ
- If salvation brings into “church”; baptism taught for salvation
- Protestants kept infant baptism heresy based on baptism for salvation

Page 49 – Invisible Kingdom

The idea of an invisible kingdom leads to idea of spiritual kingdom

- Teaches that the kingdom is in the heart of child of God, Luke 17:20-21
- Status of baptism and the Lord’s Supper as Church ordinances is lost

Page 50 – Is the Kingdom of Heaven and Kingdom of God the same?

Some have attempted to say KoH is made up of all saved but KoG is Churches

- Do the scriptures support a distinction between the two?
- 10 Scripture references to compare
 - The Kingdom is at hand: Matt 4:17 and Mar 1:15
 - The Kingdom is for the Poor in Spirit: Matt 5:3 and Luke 6:20
 - The least in the Kingdom is greater than John: Matt 11:11 and Luke 7:28
 - Church is to know mysteries of Kingdom, Matt 13:11 and Mark 4:11
 - Kingdom is like a man who sowed a field, Matt 13:24 and Mark 4:26
 - Kingdom is like a grain of mustard seed, Matt 13:31 and Mar 4:30-31
 - Kingdom is like leaven, Matt 13:33 and Luke 13:20-21
 - Entering the Kingdom, Matt 18:3 and Luke 18:17
 - Of such is the Kingdom, Matt 19:14 and Mark 10:14
 - Those who trust in riches and the Kingdom, Matt 19:23 and Luke 18:24

Page 53 – Serving God in Kingdom

To Serve God is to do so in the Kingdom

- The Kingdom is made up of all scriptural Churches
- The Churches are the only entity that can exercise the laws of the Kingdom
- Exercising the laws of the Kingdom makes true Churches the executives
- Proof Texts:
 - Should we serve Him? Job 21:15
 - Promise to servants of the Lord, John 12:26
 - It will be clear who served God and who failed to do so, Mal 3:13-18
 - We need grace to serve the Lord, Heb 12:28-29

Page 54 – True Churches Serve the Lord in His Kingdom

- Paul was a Church member who served, Rom 1:9
- The doctrine believed and practice identifies the servants, Rom 16:17-18
- The reward for service comes to Church members, Col 3:24
- Service is found in Church, 1 Thes 1:9
- Purging comes before service, Heb 9:14

Page 55 – Promises to those who Serve the Son of God

- Servants of God witnessed in throne room, Rev 7:15
- Servants in the inner chamber with the Lord, Rev 22:3

QUESTIONS for REVIEW

1. How do Protestants use the Invisible Church to justify their existence?
2. How do the ordinances get “lost” by the invisible, spiritual kingdom idea?
3. How does the Kingdom of Heaven/God relate in Mat 11:11 and Luke 7:28?
4. How does the Kingdom of Heaven/God relate in Mat 13:11 and Mark 4:11?
5. Does the Kingdom of Heaven and Kingdom of God refer to the same place?
6. What is the only entity on earth able to exercise the laws of the Kingdom?
7. What is the promise of the Lord to His servants in John 12:26?
8. In Col 3:24, who is promised the reward for serving the Lord?
9. According to Rev 7:15/Rev 22:3, who will dwell in the throne room of God?