



There are words we repeat so often that they risk losing their force. “The Kingdom of God” is one of them. It appears in the Gospel, in preaching, in the liturgy... but do we really know what it means? Is it a place? A future time? A spiritual utopia? Or something far more real—and far more urgent—than we imagine?

This article is not just an explanation. It is an invitation to see reality with new eyes. Because if we truly understand what the Kingdom of God is... our life changes.

1. What Is the Kingdom of God? A Definition That Breaks Our Assumptions

When we think of a “kingdom,” we imagine a territory, a king, laws. But when the Gospel of Luke records Christ’s words—“The Kingdom of God is within you” (Lk 17:21)—it forces us to break that simplistic image.

The Kingdom of God is not, first of all, a place.

It is the reign of God.

That is to say:

- Where God rules, there is His Kingdom.
- Where His will is obeyed, it is made manifest.
- Where His grace transforms the soul, it begins.

It is not merely geographical. It is spiritual—but no less real for that. It is invisible... yet effective.

2. Christ: The King Who Inaugurates the Kingdom

All the preaching of Jesus Christ revolves around this message:

“*The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent,*



| *and believe in the Gospel” (Mk 1:15).*

Here are two fundamental truths:

1. The Kingdom Has Already Begun

It is not only something future. With the Incarnation, God enters history. The Kingdom breaks in.

2. It Requires a Response

“Repent.” It is not automatic. Not everyone lives in the Kingdom, even if they live in the world created by God.

3. The Kingdom in History: Promise, Fulfillment, and Fullness

Old Testament: The Promise

From the Book of Daniel, an eternal Kingdom is announced:

| *“His dominion is everlasting and shall not pass away.”*

Israel awaited a kingdom... but many imagined it as political.

New Testament: The Fulfillment

Christ reveals that His Kingdom is not of this world (Jn 18:36), yet it acts within it.

It does not come with military power, but with:

- grace,
- truth,



- the Cross.

Eschatology: The Future Fullness

The Kingdom is already here... but not yet in its fullness.

As theology teaches:

- **Already** begun (in Christ and in the Church)
- **Not yet** fully consummated

It will be fully manifested at the end of time.

4. Where Is the Kingdom of God Today?

This is where the topic stops being theoretical.

The Kingdom is present today:

1. In the Soul in a State of Grace

When a person lives in friendship with God, God reigns in them.

St. Paul states clearly in the Letter to the Romans:

“The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Rom 14:17).

2. In the Church

The Church is not the Kingdom in its fullness, but it is its visible seed on earth.

Where there are:

- sacraments,



- truth,
- legitimate authority,

there the Kingdom is at work.

3. In the Sacraments

Especially in the Eucharist, where Christ truly reigns.

4. In Works of Charity and Truth

Every act in accordance with God's will extends His Kingdom.

5. But... Why Doesn't the Kingdom Seem to Triumph?

Let's be clear:

if we look at today's world—moral confusion, crisis of faith, relativism—we might think the Kingdom is losing.

But that is a mistake in perspective.

Christ Himself compared the Kingdom to:

- a small seed (Mt 13:31),
- hidden leaven (Mt 13:33).

The Kingdom does not advance like a human empire. It grows in silence, often hidden.

6. Could Something Decisive Already Be Happening?

Here we enter a profound and very current question.

Many contemporary signs point to a growing tension between:

- the Kingdom of God



- and
- the “kingdom of the world”

The Book of Revelation describes this conflict as a real spiritual battle.

What might we already be witnessing?

- A progressive exclusion of God from public life
- The normalization of sin
- The loss of the sense of the sacred
- Doctrinal confusion even within religious environments

This does not mean God has lost.

It means that **the struggle of the Kingdom is intensifying.**

7. What Does It Mean That “God Reigns”?

Here lies the heart of the matter.

That God reigns is not just a pious idea.

It concretely means:

1. That His Will Is Done

Not only in theory, but in real decisions:

- in how you work,
- in how you love,
- in how you choose.

2. That He Is the Center

Not money, not pleasure, not ego.



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3. That He Governs Your Interior Life

Your thoughts, desires, priorities.

4. That You Accept His Law, Even When It Is Difficult

This is where it becomes clear whether God reigns... or not.

8. Practical Application: How to Live Today in the Kingdom

This is not just for theologians. It is for everyone.

1. Life of Grace

Frequent confession, avoiding mortal sin.

2. Daily Prayer

Without a relationship with God, there is no Kingdom in the soul.

3. The Sacraments

Especially the Eucharist: there Christ truly reigns.

4. Formation

Knowing the faith prevents falling into the errors of the world.

5. Coherence

One cannot serve two kingdoms.



9. A Necessary Warning

Not everyone who says “Lord, Lord” lives in the Kingdom.

Christ warns in the Gospel of Matthew:

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the Kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father” (Mt 7:21).

The Kingdom is not a label.
It is a reality that demands conversion.

10. Conclusion: The Kingdom Begins with You

The Kingdom of God is not only a future promise.

It is already at stake. Right now.

Every decision you make:

- either builds the Kingdom,
- or rejects it.

It is not about waiting for the world to change.

It is about allowing God to reign in you.

Because when that happens—even if the whole world seems in chaos—the Kingdom has already begun... and nothing can stop it.