

The Greatest Kingdom

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Napoleon Bonaparte told of a kingdom that was much greater than his own. He said, "When I think of [Jesus], he crushes me, and I have built our kingdoms by the shedding of other men's blood. But he, by the shedding of his own blood, built his kingdom and thousands would die for him." Jesus has certainly built the greatest kingdom ever known to humanity.

First, his kingdom is the greatest kingdom in all the world, because it has the greatest King. Jesus Christ, our great king, is "the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords" (1 Timothy 6:15). His love and compassion for his people were so abundant that our King laid down his life for us.

Secondly, the kingdom of Christ is superior to every other kingdom because it is everlasting. Daniel prophesied, "And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and . . . it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever" (Daniel 2:44). The Roman empire stood for almost 1,250 years before it finally fell, but Jesus established a kingdom that will never fall.

The kingdom of Christ Jesus is the greatest because it is unified in belief. Jesus said, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand" (Matthew 12:25). Our Lord's kingdom is composed of citizens who "speak the same thing," and are "perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10). If anyone teaches any doctrine that is not found in God's word, then they are not part of God's kingdom.

Lastly, Christ's kingdom is supreme because only those who are in it will be delivered to the Father. First Corinthians 15:24 says, "Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power." To get to Heaven and live with the God the Father for all eternity, we must be in Christ's kingdom.

How can you be added to this great kingdom? Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). If you want to be a part of Christ great kingdom, "you must be born again."