

# ENIMANUEL

## THE KINGDOM OF KEPT PROMISES

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### The Promise Completed

#### Review

1. The Promise Given
2. The Promise Kept

The life, death, and resurrection of King Jesus has ushered us into his kingdom.

**Col. 1:13** *“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”*

The promised return of King Jesus establishes our hope and promotes our holiness.

1. We wait confidently for the return of our King – God's timing is perfect.

**2 Pet. 3:8** *“But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **9** The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. **10** But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.”*

2. As we wait, we participate in His kingdom work with hope.

**2 Pet. 3:11** *“Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, **12** waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! **13** But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”*

3. The King's return will restore us . . .

- a. . . to the fullness of His presence.

**Rev. 21:3** *“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.”*

- b. . . . to His original design.

**Rev. 21:4** "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

## How to confidently wait for the King's return

**Col. 3:1** "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. **3** For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

## Reflection

1. Read Colossians 3:1-10 every day this week.
2. What practices can you put in place to . . .
  - a. . . "put to death" and "rid yourself" of sin issues and . . .
  - b. . . set your mind on things above, "putting on the new self?"

Make a running list, making sure that they are practical and measurable.

3. Remember, the truths in verses 1-4 motivate the changes found in 5-10. Are you "filling your horizon" with the hope of King Jesus?

## SONGS

"GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN" – John Wesley Work, Jr.

"ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH" - James Montgomery, James Chadwick

"O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL" – John Francis Wade

"BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE" – Charitie Lees Bancroft

## BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$44,058.99  
WEEKLY NEED: \$35,272.00

YTD GIVING: \$1,758,842.86  
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$1,763,600.00