

Morning Lesson

I LOVE THY KINGDOM LORD

Matt. 16:13-19

INTRO:

1. The kingdom of Christ is the most important institution on earth.
2. His kingdom is the church. **Matt. 16:18**
3. We sing "I love thy kingdom Lord...the church our blest redeemer saved with his own precious blood."
4. The following points will help us focus on its value.

I. THE ENORMOUS COST.

- A. It cost God the life of his Son. **John 3:16; Acts 20:28**
- B. Jesus volunteered to pay that price. **Eph. 5:25**

II. ITS ROLE IN SALVATION.

- A. The church alone has been commissioned to take the gospel to all mankind. **Mark 16:15,16**
- B. Our purpose is to make known the will of God. **Eph. 3:10**

III. ITS RELATION TO THE SAVED.

- A. The church is the household of faith. **Gal. 6:10**
- B. It is God's family. **Gal. 3:26**
- C. All the saved since Christ ascended have been added to the church. **Acts 2:47; 1 Cor. 12:13**

IV. THE ASSISTANCE IT PROVIDES TO ALL MEMBERS.

- A. Friendship and fellowship. **Phil. 1:3-5.**
- B. Encouragement. **Rom. 1:11, 12; 15:1-7**
- C. Instruction. **Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16**
- D. Bearing the burdens of life. **Gal. 6:2**

V. THE RICHNESS OF ITS HISTORY.

- A. The sacrifice, suffering, and victories over evil.
1 Cor. 15:32; 2 Cor. 11:23-28; Rom. 8:37
- B. The benefits and refinements it has brought humanity.

VI. ITS GLORIOUS FUTURE.

- A. Caught up to live with God forever. **1 Thess. 4:17**
- B. Resurrected to eternal life. **1 Cor. 15:35-58**

CONC:

1. Christ loves his kingdom, the church with an unlimited and sacrificial love. **Eph. 5:25**
2. So should we.