

Undeniable Harmony

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Some have tried to argue in the past that the church and the kingdom are two separate institutions. For example, the premillennial professors tell us that the kingdom was planned by God, presented by Jesus Christ, but rejected by the Jews. Therefore, Jesus set up the church as a limited substitute until He can return again to set up the eternal kingdom. This chart proves that the church is the kingdom, not that the church is a substitute while the kingdom is yet future. These verses also show that the kingdom is not material but spiritual.

| Identifying Mark | Kingdom | Church |
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| 1. Beginning date and place | Isaiah 2:2-3 | Acts 2:1-47 |
| 2. Boundary of territory | Daniel 2:44 | Mark 16:15 |
| 3. Owner of institution | John 18:36 | Matthew 16:18 |
| 4. Ruler over its inhabitants | 1 Timothy 6:15 | Ephesians 5:23 |
| 5. Governing Law in the realm | Isaiah 2:3 | Acts 2:38-47 |
| 6. Christ gave the Keys | Matthew 16:19 | Matthew 16:18 |
| 7. The terms of entrance | John 3:5 | Acts 2:38-47 |
| 8. Those holding membership | Colossians 1:13 | Colossians 1:2 |
| 9. The memorial supper set | Matthew 26:29 | 1 Corinthians 11:20-27 |
| 10. Its glory & exaltation | Isaiah 2:2-3 | Ephesians 3:21 |
| 11. Reward for the faithful | Matthew 25:31-34 | 1 Corinthians 15:58 |
| 12. Time of Deliverance | 1 Corinthians 15:24 | 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 |

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