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***But of the Son he says,  
“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.  
You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”  
--Hebrews 1: 8-9***

Friday, November 19, 2021

The end is nigh!

This coming Sunday we celebrate the culmination of God's redemptive efforts to renew the world God created with the ushering in of Christ's Messianic Kingdom. This coming Reign of Christ Sunday we celebrate the eventual reality of Jesus taking his throne and exercising his sovereign majesty over the heaven's and the earth.

This coming Sunday is about that great wedding feast where Christ Jesus finally takes the Church as his beloved bride and all live happily ever after.

But only for a day and then we get right on with the business of starting all over again.

Maybe, this year, we don't have to be in such a rush? Maybe this year we could sit in the moment just a bit longer and take a few deep breaths from the Kingdom realized before we step back into the business of anticipating a Kingdom coming? What would that look like? Living in Christ's eternal Kingdom?

How would we live when we know that there is food and drink enough for us and our loved ones? Enough? More than we could ever need. What would life look like around that table?

How would we live when we know that there is always room for us at the table? Room? More than we could ever need, and it is prime space right beside the best people and the best food? How would we live when we are freed to share the very best of what we have knowing that we could never run out?

What are the most pressing issues in a Kingdom where all rears are wiped away and there is no hunger or thirst or sorrow ever? What might we notice? Would we experience nostalgia for a time when we had plenty to complain about?

Reign of Christ Sunday is just one Sunday where we are invited to experience what will be and live as if it has already arrived.

The great thing about certain parables that Jesus shares is that they point directly to how the Kingdom of God comes about. The parable of the mustard seed being the most obvious of that kind of parable.



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Reign of Christ Sunday is celebrated in the same vein.

Bit by bit the Kingdom grows. First in your heart and next in the hearts of others. There is no sudden moment with a parade and a coronation ceremony. Just the slow, almost imperceptible change in a plant you barely notice. Little adjustments and changes here and there day after day until there is finally that day when you ask yourself and others, "How long has that been there?"

Sure the Reign of Christ Sunday is just one Sunday out of our Christian year, but is it? Is it really?

Grace and peace to you. May you find your place in the Kingdom of God and be at rest.

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