

**I. Read Luke 17:20-21**

- A. The kingdom of God is both a present reality and a future hope yet to be fulfilled. In other words, it is being realized progressively in stages. What circumstance represents the antithesis of the perfect fulfillment of the kingdom of God? (See Genesis 6:1-5.)
- B. Read Romans 8:18-25 and discuss how the Apostle Paul is describing the effects of the Fall and the perfect realization of the kingdom of God.
- C. In what way is “the kingdom of God...within” (NKJV) a believer?
- D. Jesus said “The kingdom of God does not come with observation, nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’” How are we to understand these remarks?

How did the Pharisees’ understanding of the kingdom of God prove too narrow and limited when compared to the coming of the true kingdom of God?

How do some evangelical Christians make the same mistake the Jews and Pharisees made regarding the kingdom of God?

E. There are some who think of God's kingdom exclusively as something that will happen in the future. What is wrong with this?

F. Comment on the statement, "The kingdom of God is now, but it is not yet."

G. According to Jesus, how should we pray for God's kingdom? (See Matthew 6:9-10.)