

Kingdom of God (Reign of God)

The Kingdom of God, or Reign of God, is at the center of Jesus' preaching and ministry. It is not a place, but the active presence of God at work in the world. It is where God's will is done and where God's love becomes visible in healing, reconciliation, justice, peace, and new life. The Kingdom was already revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and yet it is still unfolding. We live in that tension between the "already" and the "not yet," where we see real signs of God's reign, but still await its full completion at the end of time.

Because the Kingdom is about God's loving presence among us, it becomes the lens through which we understand all of theology and Christian life. The God revealed in Jesus Christ is not distant or abstract, but a God who is love. That love is always active—it heals what is broken, restores what is divided, and draws people into communion with God and with one another. Through the Holy Spirit, the Reign of God continues to be made present wherever people live the Gospel, serve the poor, forgive one another, and build up the community of faith. We are not only called to wait for the Kingdom, but to participate in it here and now by allowing God's love to shape the way we live and act in the world.