

*Fight to Win*  
**Defining the Kingdom of God**

**I. Introduction**

- A. Mark 1:9-15 (NAS)
  - 1. "Kingdom" -- ("Malkuth") -- An active rule and reign
  - 2. "Kingdom" -- ("Basileia") -- A rule and reign of a Sovereign power
  - 3. "The active rule and reign of God!"
- B. "God's rule and reign has come to earth, and it has come in Me!"

**II. The Kingdom of God in the Old Testament**

- A. Isaiah 2:1-4 (NAS)
- B. The Old Testament prophets were actually prophesying about two different comings of the Messiah!
  - 1. Isaiah 53:5 (NAS)
  - 2. Revelation 21:4 (NAS)
- C. I Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NAS)
  - 1. We are living between the two comings!
  - 2. We are living between the inauguration of the Kingdom of God and the consummation of the Kingdom of God!

**III. Christians Are the People of the Kingdom of God**

- A. Is God "ruling" me?
  - 1. Romans 12:1 (NAS)
  - 2. Matthew 7:21-23 (NAS)
- B. As the people of the Kingdom of God, we are thrust into a war with God's enemies!
  - 1. Ephesians 6:12 (NAS)
  - 2. Matthew 28:18-20 (NAS)
- C. A "disciple" of Jesus is to do all that Jesus did when He was on the earth!
  - 1. John 14:12 (NAS)

- D. We are to demonstrate the power of the Kingdom of God by doing the works of God!
  - 1. Matthew 10:1, 7-8 (NAS)
  - 2. Luke 10:1, 9, 17-20 (NAS)
- E. Our mission as Christians:
  - 1. Do what Jesus did!
- F. Ephesians 4:11-12 (NAS)
- G. Mark 8:34-36 (NAS)

#### **IV. Conclusion**

**Next Weekend's Message:**

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