

Prayer Series 2014, #4
Your Kingdom, Your Will
Matthew 6:10

I. Where We've Been

- A. Abundant life
- B. God will do His work through us if we ask Him
- C. Prayer is the language that happens when one is in a relationship with God
- D. We pray to God, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit, with confidence
- E. With innocence and intimacy
- F. Awareness of who God is
- G. So that as people and a body of believers we will be right where God wants us to be.

II. God's Kingdom

- A. The idea of kingdom
 - Understood by Jesus' audience
 - A new concept for us
 1. Subject
 2. Absolute authority
 3. No individual will
- B. Kingdom of God
 - Old Testament
 - Jesus – "Kingdom is here"
 1. Submission to God's rule
 2. By the Spirit of Christ in you
 3. Already but not yet
 - Jesus teaching – Matthew 13
 1. Wheat and tares
 - The coming Kingdom – end of age
 - Until then – Acts 1:6-8
- C. We are asking that God's total rule will come into our lives now and through us to others and ultimately in Christ's rule over everything.

III. Your Will Be Done

- A. The only things we can properly pray for

- B. Many wills
 - Isaiah 14:12-15
 - Two wills – God and Satan
 - Then four → billions
- C. Life apart from God's will will never experience abundance
- D. When we pray we are saying bend my will to yours
- E. His will is revealed in His Word
 - John 6:40
 - Romans 12:1-2
 - His promises – James 1:5, Philippians 4:6-8
- F. Assurance not "if"

IV. Without Resistance

- A. "On earth as in heaven"
- B. Remove resistance
- C. Open our eyes
- D. Do your work in me

V. Thoughts

- A. Sometimes, it's hard to get beyond these first three petitions
 - Is this what I care about?
 - Is this really what I want?
- B. What if His Kingdom rule was happening in my life – would I be praying about different things?
- C. Do I really want God's will or do I want my will to be God's will?
- D. Come now!
- E. Next week: Our petitions about us