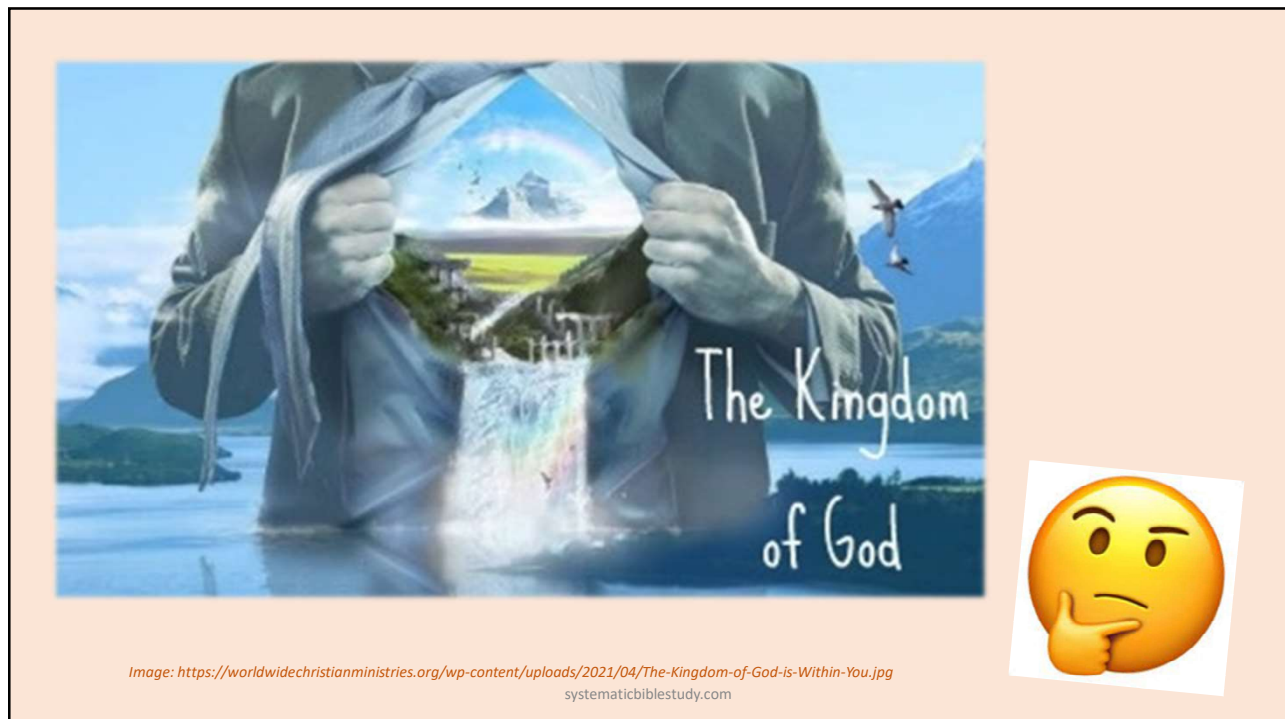





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### "The Kingdom of God is ..."

- **... within you**  
(e.g., King James Version, New King James Version, American Standard Version, New International Version 1984)
- **... in your midst"**  
(e.g., New International Version 2011, New American Standard Bible)
- **... in the midst of you"**  
(e.g., English Standard Version, Revised Standard Version)
- **... here with you"**  
(e.g., Contemporary English Version)
- **... already among you"**  
(e.g., New Living Translation)
- **... among you"**  
(e.g., International Standard Version, New American Bible, New International 1984 footnote)
- **... among you [because of My presence]"**  
(e.g., Amplified Bible)




"within" / "among" etc.  
Greek = entos (G1787)

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### The Kingdom of God is among you / in your midst ...



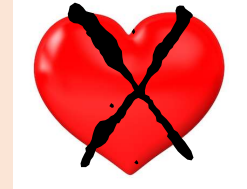
- The sense is that a foretaste of the Kingdom was with or among the people of 1st Century Israel in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ – the King of that Kingdom.
- What they saw in Christ, and what they saw Him doing in their midst was representative of what the future coming kingdom would be like.
- Compare Matthew 12:28  
– a similar phrase.

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## The Kingdom of God is among you / in your midst ...

(1) Nowhere is the Kingdom of God spoken of as being in people's hearts or minds. *(No references)*



(2) The Kingdom of God is a tangible phenomenon. *(Luke 13:29; Zechariah 14:3,4,8,9)*

(3) God's Kingdom is often spoken of as  
(a) something future. *(Matthew 8:11; 7:21; 5:20)*  
(b) something to be entered. *(Matthew 5:20; Luke 18:17, 24, 25)*

i.e., not the Kingdom entering people, but people entering the Kingdom.



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## The Kingdom of God is among you / in your midst ...

(4) In Luke 17:21, the phrase "The Kingdom of God is within you / among you" was spoken to the Pharisees.



(a) The Pharisees, as a whole, will not be entering the Kingdom. *(Matthew 5.20; 23:13)*

(b) Christ (the King) often criticised the Pharisees. *(Matthew 23:13, 15, 23, 25, 27, 29)*

(c) At this point, the Pharisees were plotting to kill the King. *(Matthew 12:14; John 11:47 ... 53)*

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## The Kingdom of God is among you / in your midst ...

(5) Christ doesn't say to the disciples, "The Kingdom of God is in your hearts".

(cp. v.22-24)

(6) The topic of these conversations is the timing of the coming earthly kingdom.

(a) No one but God will know the exact timing.

(Matthew 24:36; 25:13; Mark 13:32.)

(b) Careful or close observation will not be necessary. (Luke 17:20)

(*parateresis* - G3907, noun – only occ. in NT)

(verb form in Luke 6:7; 14:1; 20:20; Acts 9:4.)

(c) The Lord's coming will be apparent and obvious.

(Luke 17:24; Matthew 24:23-26, 29-31; Revelation 1:7)



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## The Kingdom of God is among you / in your midst ...

☛ The best translation of "The Kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21) is: "The Kingdom of God is among you / in your midst."

☛ The sense is that a foretaste of the Kingdom was with or among the people of 1st Century Israel in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ – the King of that Kingdom. What they saw in Christ, and what they saw Him doing was representative of what the coming kingdom would be like.

☛ The phrase is not saying that God's Kingdom is hidden in people's hearts.

☛ The phrase is referring to the glorious and very tangible arrival of God's Kingdom on earth, and its King, the Lord Jesus Christ. No one knows the exact timing of its coming, but it will be quite obvious to everyone when it is established.



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