Christ's Kingdom

- 1. **The kingdom of power** not limited to, but includes the entire universe and all creatures Matthew 28:18, "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."
 - Revelation 17:14, "These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."
- 2. **The kingdom of grace** limited to the church, only over believers
 - Mark 1:14-15, "...Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."
 - John 3:3, 5, "Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'... 5Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."
- 3. **The kingdom of glory** in heaven with believers
 - 2 Timothy 4:18, "And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me <u>for</u> His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!"
 - Matthew 25:34, "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:"

Distinct, but not separate kingdoms

Ephesians 1:20-23, "which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²² And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

Romans 8:28, "And we know that <u>all things work together for good</u> to <u>those who love God</u>, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

Matthew 5:13a, "You are the salt of the earth."

Two Other Kingdoms:

- 1. **The Kingdom of this World** (as contrasted with The Kingdom of the Church)
 - Romans 13:1ff "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God."
 - John 18:36-37, "Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is <u>not of this world.</u> If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."
- 2. **The Kingdom of the Devil or the Antichrist** (as contrasted with the Church)
 - Colossians 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love..." (Also: Luke 11:18)
 - John 12:31, "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out." (Also John 14:30, 16:11)
 - Ephesians 2:1-2 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,