

**Why CofC pt.4 –
Because it teaches that the kingdom
Has been established and Christ is now reigning.
Matt 16:28, Acts 2:16-21
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Intro

1. We have seen the church in prophecy, the church that has the right name & organization, and the church that teaches only the Bible. Tonight we will see how the Kingdom has been established; we are in the kingdom today and that Christ is reigning on His throne-TODAY.
2. There is a group of future kingdom advocates known as premillennialist.
According to this theory, when He returns, He will rapture the saints, call the Jews back to Palestine, resurrect the righteous dead and sit on the literal throne of David in the literal city of Jerusalem to reign for 1000 years.
3. The theory is taught by various denominations, study bibles and commentaries.
 - A. The fact is that Jesus did establish His kingdom the first time He came.
 - B. The fact is that Jesus is presently reigning upon the throne of David.

I. The Kingdom has already been established

A. The Kingdom during their lifetime – **Mark 9:1**

This passage reveals that the kingdom would be established during the life time of some of His, then living, disciples. If the kingdom hasn't been established, then there are some then living disciples still living, thus making them some nineteen hundred years old.

B. **Mark 9:1** The Kingdom was to come with power.

Acts 1:8 The power would come with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 2:1-4 The Holy Ghost came on Pentecost.

Therefore, The kingdom came on Pentecost.

II. The Kingdom & the Lord's Supper

1. The Lord's Supper would be in the future observed in the Kingdom of God. We find it being observed in the church at Corinth. **1Cor 10:16**
2. This indicated (1) the Church and Kingdom are equivalent and (2) the Kingdom was then existence.

III. Delivered and transferred into....What?

A. **Colossians 1:13**

This passage reveals that the Colossians had been delivered from the power of darkness and translated us into the Kingdom of God's dear Son.

You cannot translate someone into something that doesn't exist. Since they were translated into the Kingdom therefore, it must have existed.

B. Receiving what?

They were receiving a kingdom. How could they be receiving a kingdom that did not exist? **Heb 12:28**

IV. **Rev 1:9 – A companion in what?**

- A. John revealed that he was a companion with the suffering saints to whom he wrote, in tribulation and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ. Was John mistaken? How could he have been a companion with them in the kingdom if it did not exist?

V. Jesus is now reigning upon the throne.

A. Zech 6:12-13

1. Christ shall sit and rule upon His throne. Christ is now sitting at God's right hand. **Acts 2:30-33**. Thus, Christ's throne is in heaven.
2. **John 18:36**
Jesus' throne is in his kingdom. His kingdom is not of this world thus his throne is not of this world. This passage shows the spiritual nature of his kingdom and throne.
3. Christ's kingdom is in existence today, He will still on His throne in His kingdom, thus Christ is now, currently, sitting on His throne.

Concl:

1. The theory of premillennialism is false and contrary to clear Bible teaching.
2. When Christ returns it will be to end all things not to begin His reign on the earth.
 - a. **1 Cor 15:24-25**
 - b. **2 Peter 3:9-10 (Nowhere to reign)**
3. Let us all gain courage and confidence in the fact that the Kingdom of Christ has already been set up and we as Christians are citizens of it, and that Jesus Christ is presently sitting upon the throne in Heaven as King of King's and Lord of Lord's.