

Theology Simply Explained — WSC102 “Praying for the Kingdom of Grace and Glory”

Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 102—especially explaining how we pray for Christ’s kingdom against Satan’s kingdom, that grace would advance in every way in this age, and that glory would come in Christ’s return.

Q102. What do we pray for in the second petition? *In the second petition, which is, Thy kingdom come, we pray that Satan’s kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.*

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Shorter, catechism question this week. What do we pray for in the second petition and the answer? Is in the second petition, which is thy kingdom come We pray that satan's kingdom may be destroyed. And that the kingdom of grace may be advanced.

Ourselves and others brought into it and kept in it. And that the kingdom of glory. Maybe hastent. Now, this is actually And interpretation of a right biblical, explanation of the phrase that kingdom come. That demonstrates that. The post millennialism of the puritans and of the westminster assembly. Is something that would be called by the neo post millennialists of Theonomic and reconstructionist ilk and all millennialism, Because they believed that the kingdom had already come.

The back of satan, and his kingdom had been broken. He had been cast down now. He is raging on the earth against the children of the woman. And so there is much that believers suffer At the hand of the wicked and at the hand of those were against christ.

But our king sits on the throne. And he is already. Crushed the serpent's head? And he is stamping out. The certain slot serpent's life. Um, And you remember what paul said to the Romans that god will soon? Crush satan beneath our feet, well, beneath the roman church's feet but ours to And so when we pray that kingdom come, we're praying for the advance of something that is already.

And not only as satan's kingdom already defeated and still needing to be destroyed. There is a kingdom of grace that has already come. And so this already and not, yet idea of the kingdom is actually something. Although the the use of that phrase, Uh, had not begun yet. It's something that's here and the 102nd question and answer of the shorter.

Catechism, Because the kingdom of grace is begun. The king came. He lived obediently. He died at toningly. He rose powerfully. And he has ascendant. And he sits on the throne of Of glory. But whereas he is in glory, we are not yet and glory. And so there's a kingdom of grace that has begun.

It is in particular, the church. Uh, but Not the not just the visible professing church. But in particular, the true church those in him grace is actually at work. And as the gospel goes out, as he continues to pour out, his spirit on more and more people in the authority that he has from heaven.

To build his kingdom on earth. The kingdom of grace advances. So when we pray that kingdom come. We do pray that the gospel would go more places that it hasn't yet. And we pray that. Even where the gospel is, those. Who are going to believe that his elect would be brought to faith.

That faith would be given Where it is not yet present. And that those who are In christ by faith, through faith by grace. That they would grow in that grace and that they would grow in the knowledge of christ. This is the kingdom of grace. The lord jesus causing.

His salvation to be known and shown. Known by the believer and shown in the believer's life, more and more. And so we pray that the kingdom of grace May be advanced. Ourselves and others brought into it. Many christian children and they already are christian children, aren't they? They're set apart to God.

They're called saints by god. He was the one providentially who put them into his church but many of them pray for their own salvation. For some months or years before the lord answers their prayer, They pray with the rest of the church. They pray with their family, thy kingdom come.

And they're praying that they would be brought into. The kingdom of grace. Not just the visible church. But that they would be brought to faith. Sophia. Do you ever pray with us in church? Thy kingdom come thy will be done. When you pray, Thy kingdom come. You are praying that you would be brought to faith in jesus christ.

And maybe. Indeed, he has But we all pray for ourselves when we pray, they kingdom come because we don't just pray that we would be brought into it. We pray that we would be kept in it. We pray that we would become more and more subjects of the king.

Copies. Of the king conformed to his image. And not just ourselves and others. Brought into it and kept in it. But we pray that the lord jesus would come quickly. That he would finish bringing to faith all of those. Whom god has chosen in him from before the world began.

All of those who he came into the world to redeem, all of those for whom he gave himself on the cross. All of those, an account of who's justification? He rose again from the dead. Would it be possible? That god would do all that and not save them. No.

Bringing them to faith in jesus. As the reason this world still is here. And we desire that the work would be done. The lord jesus will return on the work is done. And so, what we see in Romans 8 as groaning, The creation groans. And those who had the first reads of the spirit grown, and the spirit himself groans, Well, we see it in the form of a prayer in revelation, don't we?

That the spirit and the bride pray. Come quickly. Lord jesus. That is the groaning for the end. But that can't be done until What the soles under the altar and the fifth seal and revelation chapter 6. Until that has been fulfilled. Until the number of their brethren is complete, they ask the question, don't they how long And what they're really asking, isn't it?

How long until the kingdom of glory comes? Until there is no more. Groaning creation and bondage to corruption indicate until there is no more. Who will save me from the body of this death? Until there is no more sin or sorrow? How long? Well, Until the number of their brothers is completed.

And the full complement of the sons of god is revealed. When we pray that that would come. Yes, the kingdom of grace is wonderful. Jesus is the king of grace.

We love for him. To receive praise as the king of grace. But just like we heard even in the evening sermon this week, We want our priest to receive his portion.

And his portion is a perfected bright. With every last member of her. Not just brought to faith. But made perfect and holiness. And even resurrected. To have not just a soul that is like, christ's soul. But a body that is like, christ's body. So that body and soul. We will reflect and refract, display, the glory of Jesus forever.

And that too, we are praying. When we pray That kingdom come. Those who think that. This is just praying for. Something to happen in politics or economics, and one country and all the countries. I praying for something too small. That's not the kingdom of glory. Praise God. For the kingdom of grace.

And may he convert so many that every seat of authority on earth? Would be occupied by a man of grace. But it would still just be a man of grace, not a man of glory. And that's what we're praying for. When we pray that kingdom come. I think many of us.

Feel the pain of our remaining sin. And yes, we want to grow in grace. But don't you want more of them just to grow in grace? Don't you want to be glorified? What you want to be perfected? Don't you want all of it to be done? To be in a new heaven and a new earth.

You perfected, all of your brothers and sisters in the Lord. Jesus and uncountable multitude. All perfected all glorious. That's what we're praying for. When we pray that kingdom come. And so the Lord Jesus helps us, doesn't he? Because When we think about that explanation of the second petition, And then, when we think about a lot of what we're usually praying for, Don't we start to realize that our prayers are very small.

And for small things. Compared to what Jesus prays for. Compared to what the Spirit groans for and helps us. Because we do not know how to pray for what we ought. But intercedes for us with his own perfected coronation, what the Spirit himself prays and teaches the bride to pray.

Some may the Lord. Teach us all to pray that i kingdom come.