

Matthew 13:31-33

How the Kingdom Grows

The Kingdom ...

I. Growing

- A. Seed to Tree
- B. Refuge

II. Permeating

- A. From Spoon to Loaf
- B. Impact

III. Our Part

- A. In Expanse
- B. In Influence

... is unstoppable.

Children, Listen ...

1. What happens to the tiny mustard seed?
2. What does this say about God's Kingdom?
3. Why is leaven (yeast) mixed into bread dough?
4. What does this say about God's people in the world?
5. What ways is Covenant Church involved in the growth of God's Kingdom?

Patience & Practice

The Kingdom of God has always been represented on the earth since the beginning through the Godly line of believers. But it was when Christ came to earth that the Kingdom of God was at hand in earnest. It had such a small start with one man, Jesus ushering it in. Of course, he was not just a man but the Son of the Living God, God in the flesh, Messiah, King of Heaven. Jesus original followers were few. Even after the death and resurrection of the Lord and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Christian church was tiny and had little influence. But that was just the beginning. Saints then and now need to be patient about the growth of the Kingdom and active in the influence of the Kingdom. In our parable Jesus encourages His listeners that, while the beginnings seem so small and insignificant, the Kingdom of God is His handiwork, and it will grow and will have great influence in the world. We have witnessed that growth through history and the Kingdom will grow until the end. In light of that, the question we will want to answer is, "what part are we playing and how influential in the world are we as individuals and as a church?" May God grant us the grace to eagerly participate in the glorious work of the Lord's Kingdom.