

- I. Christ Commissions His Apostles to Build His Kingdom (1:3-8)
  - A. The Apostles' Question about the Kingdom (1:6)
  
  - B. The Father Alone Knows the Time of the Culmination of the Kingdom (1:7; Matt 24:36; Luke 12:37-40; 1 Thes 5:1-5; Deut 29:29; Rev 22:20)
  
  - C. The Powerful Advance of the Kingdom of God (1:8, 5; Luke 17:20-21; Acts 8:1; 13:46-47; Isa 49:6)
  
- II. Christ Ascends as the Heavenly King
  - A. Christ Ascends in Glory (1:9; Luke 24:50-51; Exo 13.21; 40:34; 1 Kings 8:11; Luke 9:34)
  
  - B. Christ Will Return in Glory (1:10-11; Matt 26:63-64; Dan 7:13-14; Luke 21:27; Matt 25:31; Rev 1:7; Matt 24:27)
  
- III. Christ the King is Reigning and Building His Kingdom (2:32-35; 7:55-56; Col 3:1-3)

WSC Q. 102. What do we pray for in the second petition? A. 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.

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What is the kingdom of God? How does it advance? What is Christ's warning about the timing of its culmination?
2. Why is Christ's ascension significant? How is it related to the commission he gave to his apostles?
3. How will Christ return?