

This Age and The Age to Come – Part 1

The kingdom of God is already present in what our Lord Jesus calls *this age*, and the future fullness of the kingdom of God must await what He calls *the age to come*. The Bible clearly speaks of these two ages in a number of passages:

Matthew 12:31-32
Mark 10:29-30 (see also John 5:24)
Luke 20:34-36
Ephesians 1:20-21
1 Timothy 6:17-19

Passages in the Gospel of Matthew which record our Lord's teaching about *the end of the age*:

Matthew 13:36-43
Matthew 13:47-50
Matthew 24:1-3, 14
Matthew 28:18-20

Passages in which the Apostle Paul speaks of this age:

1 Corinthians 1:18-20
2 Corinthians 4:3-4
Galatians 1:3-5
Ephesians 6:11-12
Titus 2:11-13

On at least one occasion only *the age to come* is mentioned:

Hebrews 6:4-9 (Recall Hebrews 2:1-4; Hebrews 4:1-2)

In addition to our experience of everlasting life, our adoption illustrates our experience of the powers of age to come in the present age:

Romans 8:14-17
Romans 8:22-23