

**I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD**

John 3:3-5

## INTRODUCTION

- A. Read the song.
- B. Regarding the song.
  - 1. The kingdom of Christ is the church of Christ. MT 16:13-17; CO 1:13.
  - 2. Because it is the church we are to love it because it is our brotherhood. We show that we are Christ's disciples if we show our love for each other – JN 13:34-35. We cannot love God if we do not love one another – 1 JN 4:20- 21).
- C. Let us look at our love for the kingdom of Christ.

## DISCUSSION

- I. I LOVE THEY KINGDOM, LORD BECAUSE IT IS THE HOUSE OF HIS ABODE.
  - A. Christ dwells in the church today, as does the Father and the Spirit. - 1 CO 6:19-20; EP 2:2. 2 CO 6:13-17.
  - B. The church was saved by the redeemer's precious blood.
    - 1. The church was purchased by Christ's blood - Acts 20:28.
    - 2. We were not redeemed with corruptible things \_ - 1 PE 1:18-19.
  - C. We love the church O God.
    - 1. Her walls before him stand – EP 6:10-17.
    - 2. She is as dear to God as the apple of his eye - PS 17:8.
    - 3. She is like the graven on his hand.
- II. I LOVE THEY KINGDOM, LORD BECAUSE FOR HER OUR TEARS FALL AND OUR PRAYERS RISE.
  - A. We weep and pray for her because of all the problems facing her.
    - 1. We have people trying to tear down the church from the outside - 2 CO 11:26.
    - 2. We also have false teachers trying to tear the church down from the inside - RO 16:17-18.
  - B. We will care and toil for her until the end.
    - 1. There remains a rest for the people of God –HE 4:9-11.
    - 2. However, until that time comes we will work - 2 TI 4:6-8.
    - 3. She is beyond our highest joy.
      - a. We prize her heavenly ways - PH. 3:13, 14.
      - b. Her sweet communion and solomn vows – 1 CO 11:28.
      - c. Her hymns of love and praise- EP 5:19; CO 3:16.
- III. I LOVE THEY KINGDOM, LORD BECAUSE JESUS IS OUR FRIEND DIVINE.
  - A. He is our savior and our king - PH 3:20; 1 TI 6:15.
  - B. He shall bring great spiritual deliverance – CO 1:13.
  - C. Just as truth will last Zion will be given – 1 CO 15:24).
  - D. The brightest glories earth can yield cannot compare to the bliss of heaven.

## CONCLUSION

- A. We have seen that we should love the kingdom because—
  - 1. It is Christ's Abode.
  - 2. Our tears shall fall for her and our prayers shall ascend.
  - 3. Jesus is our friend devine.
- B. Let us love the kingdom as we should.