



The Kingdom Colony
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God's Kingdom is already _____
 by Christ-followers *Colossians 1:12-14*

A church is intended to be a Kingdom Colony; we are

- A holy "people group" *1 Peter 2:9-10*
- Once of this world, but now living as "foreigners" and "resident aliens" *1 Peter 2:11-12*
- Governed by the laws and lifeways of our homeland (implied by the Greek politeuma in *Phillippians 3:20*)

So, in Hope Church life, we _____

- Truthing *Ephesians 4:15,25*
 - o We do not
 - Compromise God's Word to satisfy society *John 17:17; Matthew 6:38*
 - Lie to each other or deal falsely *Ephesians 4:25*
 - o We speak and do the truth in love *Ephesians 4:15*

- Reciprocity (Gk koinonia) - we return _____
 - o God has blessed us through Christ so we
 - Are grateful to Him and give to Him
 - "Pay it forward" to help others *Hebrews 12:13*
 - o When others bless us, we bless them in return—maybe in a different way *Romans 15:26-27; Galatians 6:6*
- Unity and Peace *Ephesians 4:1-3*
 - o The Holy Spirit _____ unity
 - o We work hard to preserve it
 - o So we deal with "under-miners" like Hurt in relationships; we forgive and clear up
 - Relationships *Matthew 5:23-24*
 - Misunderstandings
 - Gossip — we refuse it *Proverbs 16:28; 2 Corinthians 12:20*
 - Triangling (slander) — we don't *Titus 3:1-2*
 - Grumbling, complaining — we... *Philippians 2:14-15; 1 Corinthians 10:10*
 - Give input; talk with the ones in charge about needed changes
 - Drop the God-despised grumbling
 - Stubborn dissent — we adopt the church's angle *1 Corinthians 1:10*
 - Divisive people — we...
 - Watch for self-exalters and false teachers and do not give them leadership *Acts 20:28-31*
 - Warn them, and if necessary, dis-fellowship them *Titus 3:9-11*

