Northwest Bible Church – June 12,2011 – Worship Service - Alan Conner

**Daniel 2:31-45**

The Kingdom of Christ

               Intro

**A. THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST: Two leading views:** 

                    1) Dispensational view –

                         a) The kingdom comes at the second coming of Christ.

                         b) The kingdom belongs to Israel.

                         c) At the end of the church age, the church will be raptured, Israel’s program will be reactivated, and there will be a restored Roman empire.

                         d) Christ will return, judge (crush) the restored Roman Empire, and set up His kingdom on earth for 1,000  years.

                    2) Covenant view -

                         a) To insert a GAP is unnatural to the vision.

                         b) The kingdom comes “in the days of those kings” (Daniel 2:44).

                         c) This kingdom is gradually spreading in the earth.

                         d) This kingdom will “endure forever” (Daniel 2:44).

**B. THE NATURE OF THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST.**

1) The kingdom of Christ was inaugurated at His first coming.

                    2) The kingdom of Christ is now a spiritual kingdom but will be consummated in glory at His second coming.

                    3) Christ’s kingdom is now spreading and growing.

                    4) The nature of the “crushing.”

                         a) Spiritual crushing on the cross.

                         b) Crushing judgment in hell.

                         c) Final crushing at Great White Throne Judgment.

               Conclusion

   For discussion:  How does Christ’s kingship impact His ministry?  How does Christ’s kingship affect the way we live our Christian lives?  How does Christ’s kingship impact the way we worship Him?