

“The Kingship of Christ in our Lives”

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Notes:

- I. The folly of worldly kings – King Gustav Adolphus (1626) – and *The Vasa*
- II. Despite terrible leadership, people are inclined to follow anyway
 - a. The children of Israel and their desire for a king (I Samuel 8:4-20)
 - b. God’s design versus Human desire (the great war within)
- III. Benefits of having a king
 - a. *Robotic*: You don’t have to think for yourself (compliance is mandatory)
 - b. *Tangible*: You can put a clear (physical) face on power
 - i. You can worship/adore it and receive recognition
 - c. *Entertaining*: Royal drama always provides much-needed diversions from life
- IV. God’s ideal—TzimTzum (Hebrew word for “contraction”):
 - a. *Freedom*: personal wrestle for truth/understanding
 - b. *Spiritual empowerment*, tangible effect
 - c. *Engagement* with the world (real focus)
- V. The “kingship” of Christ in our lives
 - a. The spirit of Christ (becoming “kingdom” people)
 - i. Peace (*eirene*) – be a champion of equality in all things (*Tikkun Olam*)
 - ii. Love (*agape*) – relational care and affection, and self-sacrifice
 - iii. Joy (*chara*) – deep seeded contentment (fulfillment)

	<u>Inward Expression</u>	<u>Outward Expression</u>
Peace	<i>calmness</i>	<i>justice</i>
Love	<i>self-care</i>	<i>selflessness</i>
Joy	<i>self-liberation</i>	<i>freedom</i>