

UNDERSTANDING OUR POSITION IN CHRIST III



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Who are we?

We are not of this world. – John 17:16 – 20

We are not only of this world, We are sanctified by God Himself through His word.

Every Christian has dual citizenship.

By natural birth, a citizen of an earthly nation, and subject to all the ordinances and requirements of his nation's lawful government.

By spiritual rebirth, through faith in Christ, a citizen of kingdom of heaven. – Philippians 3:20

This is God's will for you, to reign in life

From the beginning, it was God's purpose to share with man His dominion over the earth. – Genesis 1:26

We are to reign in life by faith in Jesus Christ”.

See the examples of ourselves today. – 1 Corinthians 10:1 – 6

God declared to Israel the purpose for which He redeemed them: – Exodus 19:5 – 6

“And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.”

A kingdom of priests”.

This is a double privilege:

To minister as priests

To reign as kings.

These were the examples; we’re the real deal

In the New Testament. –

1 Peter 2:5

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Christians are called *“an holy priesthood.”*

As priests of the new covenant, our ministry is *“to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.”*

These *“spiritual sacrifices”* are also in various forms of worship, prayer— particularly and intercessions and various forms of ministry.

1 Peter 2:9

But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

“A royal [or kingly] priesthood.”

This *“royal priesthood”* reflects the same as *“a kingdom of priests”* in Exodus 19:6.

Also, Revelation 1:6.

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Again in Revelation 5:10

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

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God’s purpose concerning us the scripture is very clear

“a kingdom of priests”.

He has already done it; you are an heavenly priest, a royal one.

As far as God is concerned, you are the priest he expect to minister in His throne room offering *spiritual sacrifices*.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

How do we do these?

Among many ways I want to consecrate on one today.

Psalms 110:1 – 4

1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. 2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. 3 Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. 4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

This is Christ in prophecy reigning as King and Priest together with us His people.

First, we see Christ as King, enthroned at the Father's right hand:

1 "The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool."

Then we see Him in verse 4 as Priest:

"The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

Such is the double ministry that Christ now exercises at the Father's right hand.

As King, He rules.

As Priest, He intercedes; haven offered once and for all His spiritual sacrifice:

Hebrews 7:25

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

"He ever liveth to make intercession for us".

Now verse 2:

“The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.”

The enemies of Christ have not been finally subdued, but are still actively at work, opposing His rule and His church.

Christ has been exalted and given authority over them all. – Mt 28:18

Thus, He rules now *“in the midst of [His] enemies.”*

Christ rules through *“the rod of thy strength.”* – *the Church*

This rod is sent forth *“out of Zion.”*

As kings, we rule with Him.

As priests, we share His ministry of worship, prayer and intercession.

Our Priestly ministry in prayer and intercession is always the catalyst which brings forth God’s ability on Earth.

Never seek to separate these two functions from each other.

For us to rule as kings, we must equally serve as priests.

Please understand that the effective practice of our priestly ministry is the key to the exercise of our kingly authority.

It is through worship, prayer and intercession that we administer the authority that is ours in Him.

Christ rules even now *“in the midst of [His] enemies”*, through us *“His church”*.

It is our responsibility to exercise the authority that is ours.

The problem with most Christians is lack of knowledge.

Let this fact first be clearly established: You are ordained to reign and rule.

So, rule; it's your destiny.