

CHRISTIANS ARE OF ROYALTY

1 Peter 2:9-10; Revelation 1:6; 5:10

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Introduction: Do you know anybody of royal descent? Are YOU of royal descent? Was there somebody in your family tree who was a king or queen? Did you ever think about the heritage the Christian has in Jesus? Every Christian, in the sight of God, has already been declared to be a king by God, Himself.

I. THE CHRISTIAN HAS ROYAL ANCESTRY

1. It is not what one's ancestors were that causes the Christian to be of royal descent but what the individual Christian is that makes him/her shine before God.
 - It is not knowing that there is royal or priestly blood in one's veins that makes one royal.
 - It is walking in the ways of the Lord, reflecting Jesus in one's life that makes one honorable.
2. Christians are descendents of the King of Kings, they are the children of God.
 - The Christian is a twice-born child of heaven, one of the blood royal of the universe.
 - It matters not one's earthly position, rich or poor, well or sick, give a person the grace of God in his/her heart and that person is becomes noble, royal, descendant of God.

II. CHRISTIANS HAVE ATTENDANTS

1. All kings and royalty have those who accompany them as they travel in great magnificence.
2. Christians have a bodyguard of angels always attending them.
 - Elijah's servant couldn't see anything around Elijah until his eyes were opened by Elijah and then he could see horses, chariots and angels all around Elijah.
 - There are angels for each and every Christian to accompany, lift up, minister to, protect, provide and care for each Christian.
 - The Christian has a company of angels around him/her.

III. CHRISTIANS HAVE A ROYAL PALACE, A MANSION

1. Kings and royalty have special places to live called "palaces, mansions" made of the finest stone and filled with the most beautiful and costly things that can be found.
2. Christians have a mansion, a palace, a royal place, not here on this earth, but in heaven.
 - *"...I know that if the earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, I have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens..."*
 - Yes, Christians have a royal palace, a mansion waiting for them, unlike anything on this earth.

IV. CHRISTIANS HAVE CROWNS

1. They don't wear them every day for their "coronation" day has not come yet.
 - Anointed, some of the authority and dignity of royalty, but not crowned monarchs yet, but their crowns are already made.
2. If one could enter into God's "secret store house" what wealth would one see?
 - Crowns beyond count that were inscribed with "Made for a sinner saved by grace whose name is..."

- Christians are indeed kings before God for they have a crown laid up in heaven.
- Christians will have crowns, insignias, robes of whitness, harps of glory, all things that become their regal positions - genuine, authentic kings.

V. CHRISTIANS WILL HAVE RESPECT AND HONOR

1. On earth, kings are considered to be most honorable, looked up to and respected. Upon their arrival, all stand, bow and step aside to make room for the king to pass.
2. Any person who is a saint of the Lord is an honorable person:
 - God respects that person.
 - Angels respect that person.
 - One day all the universe will respect that person.
 - ***"...Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of they Lord..."***
 - Christians may be despised now, laughed at now, be called hypocrites now, but no man-given title will ever damage or mar the dignity and honor of the Christian for God's opinion is what really matters.

VI. CHRISTIANS WILL HAVE THEIR SORROWS

1. It is thought that kings never have any sorrows or are poor or suffer as others do, however kings do suffer.
 - Remember king David and all his problems and difficulties?
 - He was hunted like a wild animal.
 - He wept for his son Absalom who was pursuing him.
 - He hid from king Saul, slept on the cold ground.
2. Christians, do not expect that because you are kings in God's eyes, that you are to have no problems or sorrows.
 - Satan will do all he possibly can to ruin your life, to render you useless for the Lord.
 - The world will hate you and ridicule you and treat you as filth, making your life as miserable as it possibly can.

CONCLUSION:

1. Christian! YOU ARE A KING! GOD SAYS SO!
2. In the midst of difficulties, tribulations, sorrows, keep in mind that God has declared that you are a king and has already prepared a mansion for you and a crown is awaiting your arrival to receive it in the place God has waiting for you.
3. Christian, one day, you will receive the honor and recognition due you as being a royal heir to the throne of God because of your belief in God's Son, Jesus Christ.
4. Christian, you are of ROYALTY!