

Kingdom of God citizenship benefits - Christ in you

This life and world is all about the King Jesus and His kingdom

Citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven (also called the Kingdom of God is a biblical concept describing the spiritual reality where God reigns as King, and believers are adopted as His subjects or children. It is not a physical nation-state but a present-and-future realm initiated by Jesus Christ.

Contrast between Citizenship of Earthly and Kingdom of Heaven

Earthly Citizenship	Kingdom of Heaven Citizenship
Temporary and are revocable	Eternal, irrevocable
Rights enforced by human law	Privileges guaranteed by God's oath
Limited by borders and passports	Open to "whoever believes"
Benefits diminish with age	Benefits increase gloriously into the fullness of the image of Christ

Kingdom citizenship changes and transforms every aspect of existence!

The **past** is forgiven,
The **present** is empowered,
The **future** has hope and is glorious
all around the person and rule of **King Jesus**

How Citizenship in heaven Obtained

- **It can not be earned** by moral effort or religious rituals.
- **It is received by grace through faith in Jesus as the crucified and risen King**
John 1:12 *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become **children of God**, to those who believe in His name:*
Ephesians 2:8–9 *For **by grace you have been saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, **9** not of works, lest anyone should boast.*
- **Evident by repentance and allegiance to Christ's lordship**
Matthew 7:21 *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.*
Romans 10:9-10 *that **if you confess** with your mouth the Lord Jesus and **believe in your heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved. 10** For with the **heart one believes** unto righteousness, and with the **mouth confession is made unto salvation.***

The benefits are primarily spiritual, eternal, and relational, drawn from key passages in the New Testament Gospels, Epistles, and Revelation. Following is a concise, Scripture-based summary:

1. Eternal Life and Resurrection

- **Benefit:** Escape from eternal death/separation from God; guaranteed bodily resurrection and imperishable life.
 - John 3:16 *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.***

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- 1 Corinthians 15:51–54 *Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “**Death is swallowed up in victory.**”*

- **Implication:** Death loses its sting; the future is secure.

2. Adoption as God’s Children (Intimate Family Relationship)

- **Benefit:** Legal and relational sons and daughters of God with full inheritance rights.
 - Romans 8:15–17 *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the **Spirit of adoption** by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and **joint heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*
 - Galatians 4:4–7 *But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born[a] of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an **heir of God through Christ.***

- **Implication:** Direct access to the Father in prayer (Abba); unconditional love and belonging.

3. Forgiveness of Sins and Right Standing with God

- **Benefit:** Complete pardon, removal of guilt, and imputed righteousness.
 - Colossians 1:13–14 *He has **delivered us from the power of darkness** and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom **we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.***
 - Romans 5:1 *Therefore, having been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

- **Implication:** Conscience cleansed with no fear of judgment.

4. Indwelling Holy Spirit with Present Power and Guidance

- **Benefit:** God lives in the citizen of heaven who is sealing and empowering for holiness and mission.
 - Ephesians 1:13–14 *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were **sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance** until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*

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- The Spirit as Counselor who abides forever. John 14:16–17 AMPC *And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another **Comforter** (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby), that **He may remain with you forever** 17 The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him or know and recognize Him. But you know and recognize Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you.*
- Supernatural fruit Galatians 5:22–23 *But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*
Gifts (1 Corinthians 12)
Victory over sin's dominion Romans 6:14 *For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.*

5. Present Kingdom Authority and Victory over Evil

- **Benefit:** Authority to resist Enemy, bind spiritual strongholds, and advance the rule of God on the earth.
 - Matthew 16:19 *And I will give you the **keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you **bind** on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you **loose** on earth will be loosed in heaven.*
 - Luke 10:19 *Behold, I give you the **authority to trample on serpents and scorpions**, and over all the power of the enemy, and **nothing shall by any means hurt you.***
 - Colossians 2:15 *Having **disarmed principalities and powers**, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*
- **Implication:** Spiritual warfare is winnable; darkness retreats where citizens of heaven live out Kingdom of God values.

6. Future Inheritance of the New Heavens and New Earth

- **Benefit:** Co-ruler in partnership with Christ in a renewed creation free from sin, pain, or death.
 - Revelation 21:1–4 *Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be **no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying**. There shall be **no more pain**, for the former things have passed away."*
 - 2 Timothy 2:12 ***If we endure, We shall also reign with Him.** If we deny Him, He also will deny us.*
 - 1 Corinthians 6:2–3 *Do you not know that the **saints will judge the world**? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Do you not know that **we shall judge angels**? How much more, things that pertain to this life?*

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- **Implication:** Every earthly loss is temporary, and an unimaginable upgrade is coming.

7. Community of the Globally Redeemed Eternal Family of God

- **Benefit:** Instant kinship with every other citizen of heaven across all, tribes, and tongues.
 - Hebrews 12:22–24 *But **you have come** to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, **23** to the general assembly and **church of the firstborn** who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, **24** to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.*
 - Revelation 7:9–10 *After these things I looked, and behold, a **great multitude** which no one could number, of **all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, **10** and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”*
- **Implication:** Loneliness is replaced by united enduring loving fellowship.

8. Life has divine Purpose and Meaning in God’s Story

- **Benefit:** Life is not random. Citizens of heaven are ambassadors of King Jesus and His kingdom.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:20 *Now then, **we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, **be reconciled to God.***
 - 1 Peter 2:9 *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*
- **Implication:** Work, suffering, and creativity gain eternal weight (Matt 6:19–21).

9. New Identity in Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if **anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

As a citizen of the Kingdom of God learn and live your true Identity in Christ who is living in you:

As a citizen of the Kingdom of God you countless benefits.

You start by knowing that you are a child of God. It is most important to know your King, Christ Jesus. It is also very important that you know who you truly are *in* Christ or who Christ is *in* you. Your relationship to God through your Lord Jesus Christ is *priceless!* This means that your relationship with God is more valuable to you than the sum total value of the whole world! *“what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?”*

Mark 8:36 NKJV

When you received Christ as your Savior, you were born again in the spirit. Christ started living His life through you by the grace of God, *My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.* Galatians 2:20 NKJV

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Discover who you really are in Christ!

How do you discover who you really are in your spirit in Christ who created you? First offer willingly your life back to Him to show you His purposes for your life.

*“Dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them **be a living and holy sacrifice**—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.”* Romans 12:1 NLT

Then let your mind be *transformed* by the word and the spirit of God.

*“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but **let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think**. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”* Romans 12:2 NLT

**As a citizen of heaven, this meditation on the word of God is prepared for you
to know your true identity in Christ.**

Pray the Holy Spirit will supernaturally transform your understanding and reveal the truth to you.

First stop what you are doing and take some time. Then find a quiet place. Also consider listening to anointed praise music in the back ground and slowly, prayerfully read through these truths.

Pray and invite the Holy Spirit to bless you with the wisdom and revelation to be transformed in your mind and spirit, and to receive and know your true identity and inheritance in Christ.

Now meditate on who the Bible says that you *truly* are and who Christ is in you. Pray *Yes Lord* in agreement with these truths. Let the word of God *transform* your mind into the *mind of Christ*. Let the love and truth of God marinate your heart, to be tenderized, to come into *one* heart and spirit in the Lord. Let the author of the Word, the Holy Spirit of Truth, speak deeply into your spirit and strengthen you.

You know the Spirit of Christ is living in you:

Thank Christ for dying *for* your sin and for His resurrection which defeated death. He offers you His very own *supernatural* life *to* you, to be lived *through* you. Read and meditate and on all the great love, grace, mercy and power that God has available to give to you and live through you as you yield your life to Him.

You know that God loves you with His everlasting love and gives you eternal life. “For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 NLT

You are given the way to God, the truth and life through the person of your Lord Jesus Christ. “Jesus answered, “Jesus told him, “*I am the way, the truth, and the life***. No one can come to the Father except through me.”**John 14:6 NLT

You are set free by knowing and experiencing the truth of Christ’s life living in and through you. “...“If you stick with this, living out what I tell you, you are my disciples for sure. Then you will experience for yourselves the truth, and the truth will free you.” “So if the **Son sets you free, you are free through and through.”** John 8:31-32,36 MSG

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You are given the opportunity to live the real, everlasting abundant life of Christ. *“I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.”* John 10:10b MSG

You are given God’s plan for a good future and hope. *“I know what I’m doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the **future** you **hope** for.”* Jeremiah 29:11 MSG

You will be supplied with all your needs from the glorious riches in Christ. *“...God who takes care of me **will supply all your needs from his glorious riches**, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.”* Philippians 4:19 NLT

You can do more than you can ever imagine by the power of His Spirit working within you. *Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] **do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think** [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]—* Ephesians 3:20-21 AMPC

Christ is on your side and is praying for you. *“... If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even His own Son but gave Him up for us all, won’t He also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for His own? No one—for God Himself has given us right standing with Himself. Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and He is sitting in the place of honor at God’s right hand, pleading [interceding] for us.”* Romans 8:31-34 NLT

You can be healed through your faith in the life giving word of God. *“... listen well to my words; tune your ears to my voice. Keep my message in plain view at all times. Concentrate! Learn it by heart! Those who discover these words live, really live; body and soul, they’re bursting with health.”* Proverbs 4:20-22 MSG

You will receive great blessings from heaven too large to store as you give and invest into God’s kingdom building work. God will also protect the fruit of your work. *“Bring your full tithe to the Temple treasury so there will be ample provisions in my Temple. **Test me in this** and see if I don’t **open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams**. For my part, I will defend you against marauders, protect your wheat fields and vegetable gardens against plunderers.”* Malachi 3:10-11

You are blessed and helped as you are generous and help others. *“The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.”* Proverbs 11:25 MSG

You will receive good gifts from God as you ask Him in Jesus name. *“So if you ...know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask* Matthew 7:11

Your path will be made known to you by God as you trust in Him and not your own understanding. *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.”* Proverbs 3:5-6

Your heart’s desire and purposes will be fulfilled by God. *“May He grant you according to your heart’s desire, and fulfill all your purpose.”* Psalm 20:4

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Your needs will be supplied to you as you seek the Kingdom of God and His righteous ways. *"For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you."* Matthew 6:25, 33

Your joy will be full and mature. *"I've told you these things for a purpose: that My joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature."* John 15:11 MSG

You will always be joyful as you pray continually and thank God in ALL things. *"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NLT

You will never be left alone or forsaken by God. *"I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."* Hebrews 13:5b Joshua 1:5 NLT

You are given Christ's ministry of reconciliation as His ambassador. *that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.* 2 Corinthians 5:19-20 23 NKJV

The Lord lives in you! *My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.* Galatians 2:20 NLT

The Lord dwells with you as you love and obey Him *"Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and We will come and make our home with each of them."* 25

You are one in the spirit with Christ and with God and He loves you like He loves His own Son! *"I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me."* John 14:23 NLT

You will know that God is love by the extravagant love He has for you, and loves through you. *"All who confess that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in His love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them."* 1 John 4:15-16 NLT

Christ gives you His very own nature to you. *His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.* 2 Peter 1:3-4

God has given you His Holy Spirit to live in you. *"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, [Holy Spirit] that He may abide with you forever-- the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."* John 14:16-17 NKJV

God lives in you as a temple of the living God. *"...For we are the temple of the living God. As God said: "I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people."* 2 Corinthians 6:16; 1 Corinthians 3:17 NLT

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You are joined to the Lord in one spirit with Him. *“But he who is joined to the Lord is **one spirit with Him.**”* 1 Corinthians 6:17 NLT

You are a member of the body of Christ. ***we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.*** Ephesians 5:30 NKJV

All things are possible by God through you. *“Nothing, you see, is impossible with God.”* Luke 1:37; Mark 9:23; Matthew 19:26 MSG

You are blessed with ‘mountain moving’ faith in God. *...I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and **nothing will be impossible for you.*** Matthew 17:20

You are a new creation in Christ. *Therefore, if **anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;** old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.* 2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

You are a child of God. *“But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become **children of God.**”* John 1:12 NLT

You live by faith in God. *By faith we understand that the worlds [during the successive ages] were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) by the word of God, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible.* Hebrew 11:3 AMPC

You can bear much fruit in your life lived in Christ. *“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, **will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.**”* John 15:5 NLT

Christ is being formed in you. *“My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until **Christ is formed in you,**”* Galatians 4:19

You have freedom and liberty in the Spirit of the Lord as you are changed into Christ’s image. *“But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the **Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.** So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as **we are changed into His glorious image.**”* 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 NLT

You will be filled with all the love, fullness of life and power from God. *“May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then **you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.**”* Ephesians 3:19 NLT

You are one with God who lives in you and through you. *“and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and **living through all.**”* Ephesians 4:6 NLT

You will receive real rest in Christ. *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.]* Matthew 11:28 AMPC

You are called to be an ambassador for Christ as He appeals to those around you through you. *“So we are **Christ’s ambassadors;** God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.”* 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 NLT

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You have the first fruits of the Spirit. “...we ourselves, having the **first fruits of the Spirit**, even we ... groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our **adoption as sons**, the redemption of our body.” Romans 8:23 NASB

You are set free from the law of sin and death by the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. “For the law of the **Spirit of life in Christ Jesus** has set you free from the law of sin and of death.” Romans 8:2 NASB

You have no condemnation in Christ Jesus. “There is therefore now **no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus**, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.” Romans 8:1

You are alive to God in Christ Jesus. “So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and **alive to God through Christ Jesus**.” Romans 6:11 NLT

Your sins are forgiven when you confess them to God and you are made alive in Christ. “Then God made you alive with Christ, for He forgave all our sins. Colossians 2:13b; 1 John 1:9 NLT

You are cleansed and set apart as a saint in Christ Jesus for God. *To the church of God which is in Corinth, to those consecrated and purified and made holy in Christ Jesus*, [who are] selected and called to be **saints** (God’s people), together with all those who in any place call upon and give honor to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 1 Corinthians 1:2 AMPC

You are complete in Christ. “So you also are **complete through your union with Christ**, who is the head over every ruler and authority.” Colossians 2:10 NLT

You are to be holy. “Even before he made the world, **God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy** and without fault in his eyes.” Ephesians 1:14

Christ is preparing you as His church, His bride to be holy, clean, and without fault or blemish. “to make her **holy and clean**, washed by the cleansing of God’s word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other **blemish**. ...she will be **holy and without fault**.” Ephesians 5:26-27 NLT

You are seated with Christ in the heavenly realms. “For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and **seated us with Him in the heavenly realms** because we are united with Christ Jesus.” Ephesians 2:6 NLT

You are more than a conqueror through Christ. “Yet in all these things **we are more than conquerors** through Him who loved us.” Romans 8:37 NKJV

You will have love for one another. “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if **you have love for one another**.” John 13:35 NKJV

You are not to worry about anything and you will have the peace of God. “Don’t worry about anything; instead, **pray about everything**. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.⁷ Then you will **experience God’s peace**, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7 NLT

Your life is hidden with Christ in God. “For you died, and **your life is hidden with Christ in God**.” Colossians 3:3

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You can bring your every thought into obedience with Christ. *For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh and using mere human weapons. **4** For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds, **5** [Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One), 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 APMC*

Christ is your life. *Since you have been raised to **new life with Christ**, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. ² Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. ³ For you died to this life, and **your real life is hidden with Christ in God.** ⁴ And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all His glory.* Colossians 3:1-4 NLT

You are one with the body and Spirit of Christ. *For as the body is one and has many members, but **all the members of that one body**, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. **13** For by **one Spirit** we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.* 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

You are to test yourself that Christ lives in you. *Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that **Jesus Christ is in you?**—unless indeed you are disqualified.* 2 Corinthians 13:5

You are an instrument of righteousness to God. *And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and **your members as instruments of righteousness to God.*** Romans 6:13 NKJV

You are commanded to love God with all of heart, mind, soul and mind and strength. *“Jesus replied, **“You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.”** This is the first and greatest commandment.”* Matthew 22:37-38 NLT

You are to love others. *And the second is like it: **“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”** **40** On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.* Matthew 22:39-40

You can live in victory through the Spirit of God in you. *“But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.”* 1 John 4:4 NLT

You can conquer the present fallen world system and the kingdom of darkness ruling over it. *For whatever is **born of God overcomes the world.** And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. **5** Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?* 1 John 5:4-5 NLT

You are commissioned by Christ to train disciples who will learn to live by the commandments of Christ. *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and **make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.* Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

You will overcome the world and will be divinely blessed *“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches To him who overcomes, **I will grant to eat of the tree of life** which is in the Paradise of God.”* Revelation 2:7 NASB

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He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.” Revelation 2:11 NASB

*to him I will **give some of the hidden manna**, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.” Revelation 2:17 NASB*

*“He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, **TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS;**” Revelation 2:26 NASB*

*“...will thus **be clothed in white garments**; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.” Revelation 3:5 NASB*

“...I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.” Revelation 3:12

“...I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.” Revelation 3:21 NASB

You have been made a king and a priest to our God. *they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, **10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.**” Revelation 5:9-19 NKJV*

Christ is with you always. *“And be sure of this: **I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**” Matthew 28:20b*

Wow! Did you find some of these scriptures hard to believe? Sadly we have spent most of our lives hearing and believing lies from the world so the truth sounds unbelievable.

Read these verses over again until you believe the truth deep in your spirit. When you come to believe the truth by faith, then all of these wonderful promises and benefits of kingdom of God citizenship from God can actually be lived out through your life.

How do you grow into the fullness of the image of Christ and as a citizen of heaven?

Your complete *obedience* to God is required to form Christ in you. You may say that is impossible. In your own strength that is true, but God has given you His Holy Spirit to live in you and through you. It is *only* by God’s Spirit that you are set-apart, taught, trained, guided and strengthened to be transformed into the image to Christ. This is called sanctification and will take time as you yield your life to the Lord. Remember that Christ is the Head His body. As you surrender your life to the leadership of Christ, as member of His body, you will come into submission and alignment with His will, ways and purposes.

Your life in Christ

Jesus is so much greater than all of us. His power and ways transcend our understanding. If we are to grow into all that He has for us then we need to connect into what the Holy Spirit has for us today. Open your hearts to Christ as He delights in revealing Himself to you through His Word, prayer, spiritual experiences including dreams, visions and miracles, angelic encounters, and insights into things to come.

Kingdom of God citizenship benefits - Christ in you

How do you keep focused on Jesus? Go beyond the realm of your natural senses into supernatural experiences.

The great news can be simply stated that: Jesus laid down His life and died *for* you, so He could *give* His life to you, so that He could live His life *through* you.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16 NKJV

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10b NKJV
*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

Galatians 2:20 NKJV

Your life as a follower of Christ, a citizen of heaven, will be difficult, challenging and will not be encouraged by this present fallen world system. The victorious life of an obedient believer will take sacrifice, effort and discipline. This life requires you to work hard. Please understand that **it is infinitely better than the alternative!**

The life that you and all others were all born into is based on sin, rebellion to God, lies and leads to everlasting destruction in the lake of fire, and the eternal separation from the love of God. The abundant life of true love, joy and peace is only available from the King in His kingdom of God. Jesus said, "*My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.*" John 10:10b NLT

Seek the Lord and receive all that He has for you. He has paid for it in full with His sacrificed life. So build your life only on a Person, the Lord Jesus Christ. Followers of Christ are to walk in total surrender, humility, obedience and in His love and power. A life of prayer, worship, listening to God and obedience to His will and ways are the disciplines required to enter more fully into the presence of the Lord and into the Kingdom of God. This is a choice by choice, day by day walk with the Lord. God's *mercy is new every day*. There are eternal rewards promised by your King including joy, unconditional love, and everlasting life in God's kingdom. These true riches from God of salvation, forgiveness, healing, deliverance, wholeness, purpose, and love are *priceless* and everlasting.

Receive from your King

You are a child of God and He wants you to receive all the blessings that He has for you.

Christ is the 'Anointed One' sent to open the way back to God. Be *transformed* into the image of Christ, and become an anointed one. You are the King's child, a Holy priest; live in peace, joy, justice and righteousness. You have the mind of Christ, which listens and obeys the voice of God. This is a primary principle of the Kingdom of God, to listen to your King and receive all that Christ has prepared to be shared with you.

All things will be restored for Christ's inheritance.

*"For He must remain in heaven **until** the time for the **final restoration of all things**, as God promised long ago through his holy prophets."* Acts 3:21 NLT

As you willingly receive the manifest Presence of Christ into your life and you will be progressively transformed into the fullness of His image and transported to your divine destination, your destiny.