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

Citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven which 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 children. It is not a physical nation-state, but a present-and-future realm initiated and ruled over by King Jesus Christ.

Contrast between citizenship of earthly and citizenship of heaven

Aspect	This world on the Earth	Kingdom of Heaven
Nature	Physical visible material world	Spiritual, non-material, unseen realm
Time	Linear time of past, present, future	Timelessness everlasting and eternal “now”
Duration	Temporary and finite life	Eternal and never-ending
Limits	Physical borders	Open to 'whoever believes' in Jesus, by faith
Body	Physical body subject to aging, decay, pain and death	Glorious resurrected body transformed into the fullness of the image of Christ
Suffering	Pain, sickness, grief, injustice, lose and death exist	No pain, no suffering, no tears, no death existing in perfect peace
Sin and Evil	Sin, temptation, rebellion to God, moral struggle are present	No sin, no evil, perfect holiness and one with the Lord
Presence of God	God is present through His indwelling Holy Spirit	Direct, face-to-face presence of God
Purpose	Testing place of growth, free will learning to love	Fulfillment, rewards, perfect loving communion with God
Knowledge	Limited understanding, mystery, faith and trust in God	Full knowledge with all questions answered
Relationships	Imperfect love, conflicts, separation by death	Perfect love, eternal reunions with family and friends
Location	Physical planet Earth in the universe	Beyond physical space, other dimensions, spiritual realm “above”
Access	Everyone is naturally born on earth	Entry by belief faith confession in the Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
Beauty and Joy	Temporary and mixed with sorrow	Perfect, unending beauty love joy and peace
Work and Labor	Necessary for survival, often burdensome	No toil being joyful in “work” without fatigue
Rights	Limited by man made laws	Privileges guaranteed by covenants of God

Key Theological Concepts

- **Earth** is seen as a temporary “vale of tears” or testing place where humans exercise free will, grow spiritually, and choose good or evil learning to love.

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- **Heaven** is the ultimate destination for the righteous in perfect union with God, total fulfillment of all human desires, and the restoration of what was lost through sin. Heaven is being with Christ forever in resurrected physical bodies in a “new heaven and new earth.”

Earth is temporary, imperfect, and physical

Heaven is eternal, perfect, and spiritual—where every longing is satisfied in the presence of the Divine.

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 is 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 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); with 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 is 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.

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- 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.*
- 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, Strengthener, 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:** kings and priests 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*

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*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?*
- **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 pursuing united 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).

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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 has 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,

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

Discover who you really are in Christ!

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

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:1 NKJV

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

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2

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.

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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 Jesus.

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 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

You are given the way to God, the truth and life through the person of your Lord Jesus Christ. *Jesus said to him, “I am the **way**, the **truth**, and the **life**. No one comes to the Father except through Me.* John 14:6

You are set free by knowing and experiencing the truth of Christ’s life living in and through you. *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. **32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**”**36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.*** John 8:31-32,36

You are given the opportunity to live the real, everlasting abundant life of Christ.

...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10b

You are given God’s plan for a good future and hope.

*For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a **future and a hope**.* Jeremiah 29:11

You will be supplied with all your needs from the glorious riches in Christ.

*And my **God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.***

Philippians 4:19

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]— **21 To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever.** Amen.* Ephesians 3:20-21 AMPC

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Christ is on your side and is praying for you. “

*What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also **freely give us all things**? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Romans 8:31-34*

You can be healed through your faith in the life giving word of God.

My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; 22 For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. Proverbs 4:20-22

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 all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not **open for you the windows of heaven** And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it. 11 “And **I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes**, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” Says the LORD of hosts; Malachi 3:10-11*

You are blessed and helped as you are generous and help others.

The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself. Proverbs 11:25

You will receive good gifts from God as you ask Him in Jesus name.

*If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven **give good things to those who ask Him!** 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, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And **He shall direct your paths.** 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*

Your needs will be supplied to you as you seek the Kingdom of God and His righteous ways.

*“Therefore I say to you, **do not worry about your life**, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 33 But **seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness**, and all these things shall be added to you.*

Matthew 6:25, 33

Your joy will be full and mature.

*“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that **your joy may be full.** John 15:11*

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You will always be joyful as you pray continually and thank God in ALL things.

Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

You will never be left alone or forsaken by God.

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5b Joshua 1:5

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*

The Lord lives in you!

*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*

The Lord dwells with you as you love and obey Him

*Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and **We will come to him and make Our home with him**. John 14:23*

You are one in the spirit with Christ and with God and He loves you like He loves His own Son!

*that **they all may be one**, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. John 17:21*

You will know that God is love by the extravagant love He has for you, and loves through you. *Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. **God is love**, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:15-16*

Christ gives you His very own nature to you.

*as 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*

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God lives in you as a temple of the living God.

*And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For **you are the temple of the living God**. As God has said: “I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.” 2 Corinthians 6:16; 1 Corinthians 3:17*

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*

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*

All things are possible by God through you.

*For **with God nothing will be impossible**.” Luke 1:37; Mark 9:23; Matthew 19:26*

You are blessed with ‘mountain moving’ faith in God.

*So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, 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*

You are a child of God.

*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to **become children of God**, to those who believe in His name: John 1:12*

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.

*“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for **without Me you can do nothing**. John 15:5*

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. *Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. **17** Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. **18** But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image **from glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:16-18*

You will be filled with all the love, fullness of life and power from God.

*to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may **be filled with all the fullness of God**. Ephesians 3:19*

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You are one with God who lives in you and through you.

*one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and **in you all**.* Ephesians 4:6

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.

*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. **21** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.* 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

You have the first fruits of the Spirit.

*Not only that, but we also who have the **firstfruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.* Romans 8:23

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 made me free from the law of sin and death.* Romans 8:2

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.

*Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to **God in Christ Jesus our Lord**.* Romans 6:11

Your sins are forgiven when you confess them to God and you are made alive in Christ.

*And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **He has made alive together with Him**, having forgiven you all trespasses* Colossians 2:13b; 1 John 1:9

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.

*and you are **complete in Him**, who is the head of all principality and power.* Colossians 2:10

You are to be holy.

*but as **He who called you is holy**, you also **be holy** in all your conduct,* 1 Peter 1:15

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Christ is preparing you as His church, His bride to be holy, clean, and without fault or blemish.

*that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself **a glorious church**, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and **without blemish**. Ephesians 5:26-27*

You are seated with Christ in the heavenly realms.

*and raised us up together, and **made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus**, Ephesians 2:6*

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*

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*

You are not to worry about anything and you will have the peace of God.

***Be anxious for nothing**, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the **peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*

Your life is hidden with Christ in God.

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

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.

*If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and **your life is hidden with Christ in God**. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Colossians 3:1-4*

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*

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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*

You are commanded to love God with all of heart, mind, soul and mind and strength.

*Jesus said to him, “**You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.**’ 38 This is the **first and great commandment.** Matthew 22:37-38*

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.

*You are of God, little children, and have **overcome them**, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 1 John 4:4*

You can conquer the present fallen world system and 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

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*

You will overcome the world and will be divinely blessed and rewarded

*“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*

*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*

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“...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

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.

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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.

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10b

*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

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, ways and commandments 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 the all the abundant benefits the Lord has for you. 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, you will be progressively transformed into the fullness of His image and transported to your divine destination, your destiny.