

# “Reigning with Jesus”

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## Positioned to Reign:

### A. Jesus' present position of reigning:

**Ephesians 1:16-21 NKJV:** <sup>16</sup> do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup> the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power <sup>20</sup> which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, <sup>21</sup> far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Jesus is the head of a new Royal Priesthood under the New Covenant. What does much of His activity center around now? Two things:

#### a. Confirming the teaching and preaching the Word of God with signs, wonders, and miracles:

**Mark 16:19-20 NKJV:** So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup> And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

#### b. Intercession for His saints:

**Hebrews 7:24-25 NKJV:** <sup>24</sup> But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. <sup>25</sup> Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

### B. Our present position with Jesus as born-again believers:

**Ephesians 2:4-6 NKJV:** <sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus...

\* This means we're are now reigning with Him in this life and will reign with Him forever.

**Romans 5:17 (NKJV Strong's):** <sup>17</sup> For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

#### a. God gave Adam the gift of life and the devil deceived him and gave him the bondages of sin and death.

**Hebrews 2:14-15 NKJV:** <sup>14</sup> Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

#### b. Death is still reigning in a world separated from God. There is no hope when the fear of death reigns. How does fear reign? It eventually takes control of your thoughts and emotions by what you see and hear, thereby affecting your believing and behavior, actions, and words. The scepter that the devil rules and reigns by is the scepter of fear.

- Fear haunts, terrorizes, and torments, thereby keeping its control over all who will surrender and submit.
- Fear isolates, separates, and promotes division.
- Fear is the currency of the kingdom of darkness.
- Fear of sickness, disease, viruses, etc. is designed to put us into subjection to the fear of death.
- Fear of not having enough money, fear of losing everything therefore hoarding up and become afraid to give, fear of not enough to feed my family, which is the fear of starvation, fear of coming out of our homes, fear of losing our jobs, etc...

We are constantly hearing and being bombarded with negative and bad news delivered with pessimism and fear.

The end result of the propaganda and production of fear is hopelessness, despair, and depression, which are the ingredients for the recipe of the inception of death and to control humanity at large.

**“When we become overwhelmed by the consciousness of fear, we have a tendency to become unconscious of faith.”** Fear becomes a giant eraser, erasing my faith in God and His promises.

Fear desires to be your identity, therefore controlling your behavior, words, and actions. We even fear at times to submit ourselves to God’s authority, fearing that He may make us do something or go somewhere that would make us most miserable. NO!!!

\* We as born-again believers have not been given the spirit of fear!!

**2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV:** <sup>7</sup> For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

- a. We are kings and priests reigning with Him, and as priests interceding with Him birthing the purposes and plans of God into this world.

**Revelation 1:5-6 NKJV:** <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- b. The authority that our Heavenly Father gave to Jesus, Jesus in turn gave to us His body, His Church. **(Matthew 28:18-19; 16:18-19 NKJV)**

**C.** Our position with Jesus as His Church:

**Ephesians 1:22-23 NKJV...** <sup>22</sup> And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

**Ephesians 3:10-12 NKJV:** <sup>10</sup> to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*, <sup>11</sup> according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

\* How do we carry this out, advance the gospel, and wage spiritual warfare successfully?

\* Speaking and praying the Word of God and intercession. Praying in the spirit.