

## Have You Transferred Ownership?

**2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (NLT)** Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

### I. We were bought at a precious price

**1 Peter 1:18-20 (NLT)** For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. God chose Him as your ransom long before the world began...

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NLT)** Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

**Titus 2:14-15 (NLT)** He gave His life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us His very own people, **totally committed to doing good deeds.** You must teach these things and encourage the believers to do them. You have the authority to correct them when necessary, so don't let anyone disregard what you say.

### II. We are in His Kingdom and have an obligation

**Revelation 5:9-10 (NASB 2020)** And they \*sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the scroll and to break its seals; for You were slaughtered, and You purchased people for God with Your blood from every tribe, language, people, and nation. **You have made them into a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign upon the earth.**"

**You have made them into a Kingdom of priests... this is both a present and future reality for the believer.**

**What does Kingdom mean:** You now belong to God's rule and reign, You are part of His people under His authority.

**Colossians 1:13-14 (NASB 2020)** For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Kingdom:** g0932. βασιλεία basileia; from 935; properly, royalty, i.e., (abstractly) rule, or (concretely) a realm (literally or figuratively): — kingdom, + reign. Royal power, kingship, dominion, rule; ...rather the right or authority to rule over a kingdom, of the royal power of Jesus as the triumphant Messiah.

**Mark 1:14-15 (NASB 2020)** Now after John was taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the gospel."

**What do priests mean:**

**In the Old Testament,** priests represented people before God and represented God to the people.

**Now in Christ: You have direct access to God.**

**Hebrews 4:16 (NASB 2020)** ...Therefore, let's approach the throne of grace with confidence

**Hebrews 10:19-22 (NASB 2020)** Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let's approach God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith.

**You are called to represent Him to others:**

**1 Peter 2:5 (ESV)** you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**1 Peter 2:9 (NASB 2020)** But you are A CHOSEN PEOPLE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR GOD'S OWN POSSESSION, **so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him** who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

**Every believer is a priest—given access to God through Christ, called to offer their life in worship, and commissioned to represent Him to the world.**

**Romans 12:1 (AMP)** I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship.



