

## THE BOOK OF REVELATION 5

### *Reigning As Kings in Life*

**I. Text: (Rev. 1:5b-6 NKJV)** *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.*

A. In this passage, after giving his salutation and the salutation of the Lord to the churches, John overflows in praise and worship to Jesus.

B. He praises the Lord for three things.

#### 1. For loving us.

a. Verse 5b *To Him who loved us.*

b. God loved us when we were sinners. (Rom. 5:8 NKJV) <sup>8</sup>*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

c. God's love moved Him to give His best for us. (John 3:16 NKJV) <sup>16</sup>*"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.*

d. Nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. (Rom. 8:38,39 NKJV) <sup>38</sup>*For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

#### 2. For washing us from our sins in the blood of Christ.

a. Verse 5b *To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.*

b. (Rev. 7:9-17 NKJV) describes the tribulation saints. <sup>13</sup>*Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" <sup>14</sup>And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>"*

c. The moment you receive Jesus you are washed from your sins. (1 Cor. 6:9-11 NKJV) <sup>9</sup>*Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, <sup>10</sup>nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup>And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified,*

*but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*

### 3. For making us kings and priests.

a. Verse 6 <sup>6</sup>*and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father.*

b. We are called to reign as Kings in this life and in the life to come. (Rom. 5:17 NKJV) <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.*

c. Now we are called to reign as Kings in this life over the following:

1. The world. (1 John 5:4, 5 NKJV) <sup>4</sup>*For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

2. The flesh. (Gal. 5:16, 24 NKJV) <sup>16</sup>*I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. <sup>24</sup>And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

3. The devil. (Luke 10:19 NKJV) <sup>19</sup>*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.*

4. Circumstances (Mark 11:23 NKJV) <sup>23</sup>*For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.*

d. In the life to come, when Jesus returns to earth to rule the world, we will reign as kings over the nations with Him. (Rev. 2:26, 27 NKJV) <sup>26</sup>*And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—<sup>27</sup>'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'—as I also have received from My Father; <sup>28</sup>"and I will give him the morning star. <sup>29</sup>"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."*

e. Now and forever we are a royal priesthood whose sacrifice is to show forth the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1 Pet. 2:9 NKJV) <sup>9</sup>*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.*

f. The church of the Lord Jesus Christ is to be characterized by praising God. We are people of praise. Verse 6b *to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

g. **(Acts 2:46,47 NKJV)** <sup>46</sup>*So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,* <sup>47</sup>*praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*