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1. Left a Kingdom – **Changed citizenship** to another kingdom. (155 times in the N.T.)
2. Went **BACK** to the old kingdom as a **REPRESENTATIVE** of the King of Kings!
3. Our new kingdom is at **WAR** with our old kingdom. We are **NOT** ambassadors to the old **kingdom**.
4. We are **soldiers BEHIND ENEMY LINES rescuing others**. We are ambassadors to **INDIVIDUALS!**

*How does this CHANGE us!*

## 1. Death is \_\_\_\_\_

Phil 1:21-24 For to me, to live is Christ and to **DIE** is **GAIN**. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I **DESIRE** to **DEPART** and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

II Peter 2:9-11 But you are **1** a **CHOSEN PEOPLE**, **2** a **ROYAL PRIESTHOOD**, **3** a **HOLY NATION**, **4** **GOD'S SPECIAL POSSESSION** that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but **NOW** you are the **5** **PEOPLE OF GOD**; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, I urge you, as **FOREIGNERS** and **EXILES**, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.

## 2. View of the World – \_\_\_\_\_

I John 5:19 We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

Luke 4:5-6 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has **BEEN GIVEN** to **ME**, and I **CAN GIVE IT** to **ANYONE I WANT TO**."

## 3. Authority is \_\_\_\_\_

Mt. 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to **ME**. **Go therefore** and make disciples of all nations. Mt. 16:19 I will give **YOU** the **KEYS** of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

**HIS Directional Authority** - For **PEOPLE** - NOT Personal Pleasure

II Cor. 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though **OUTWARDLY** we are **WASTING** away, yet **INWARDLY** we are being **RENEWED** day by day.

**INTERNAL** more than **EXTERNAL**

## 4. People are \_\_\_\_\_

II Cor. 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

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