

“Who are God’s holy people?”

Philippians 1:1

1st Peter 2:9

The Holy Spirit has inspired even the opening salutation that most would call simple common courtesy.

It’s God’s goodness,

His holiness and

His righteousness that the Philippian believers have,

and not anything they have accomplished for themselves that makes them holy.

Every Christian is a saint because he has been set apart and made holy through the perfect righteousness of Christ that has been imputed to his account by grace through faith.

God the Holy Spirit baptizes every believer into union

with Jesus Christ who is royalty forever.

Regeneration is the basis

of our salvation but the baptism of the Spirit, unique to the Church Age, is the basis of our royalty.

The royalty of the

Church Age believer doesn’t come through physical birth or any ability in life,

only through grace at the moment he believes in

Jesus Christ.

Believers in this dispensation are called the body of Christ and that makes every believer in the Church Age personally related to the King of kings.

We have a double security: positional truth plus the sealing ministry of the

Holy Spirit.

Positional truth belongs to all believers regardless of their spiritual status or maturity level.

As members of the body of Christ and the royal priesthood, all Church Age believers will return with Jesus at the Second Advent.

As Jewish royalty, our Lord fulfills the Davidic covenant at the Second Advent.

His victory was confirmed by His resurrection, ascension and session at the right hand of the Father, where

He received His third royal title: “King of kings, Lord of lords, the Bright Morning Star.”

The mechanics for the formation of this royal family is the baptism of the Spirit beginning on the Day of Pentecost and it enters all believers of the Church Age into union with Christ.

Whatever we were before, we are now royal family of God!

As goes the Church Age believer, so goes human history.

The objectives of the royal family of God:

To advance to spiritual maturity

To receive our escrow blessings for time

To pass momentum testing

To receive our escrow blessings for eternity

The spiritual royalty of Christ occurred as a result of

His victory over Satan on the cross and His acceptance by God the Father at the session.

The Church Age will last as long as it takes to complete the royal family.

As long as you are indwelt by the Holy Spirit you are royalty.

At spiritual maturity, we receive our blessings which were deposited in escrow in Christ in eternity past

(Eph 1:3-14).

Then the royal family will be evaluated at the Judgment Seat of Christ with regard to their attitude toward the Word of God and their advance to maturity.

***There is no equality in Heaven.**

The point of equality among believers is the point of union with Jesus Christ.

Sin had to be paid for and the entire wrath of God

toward sin was poured out

on His own Son.

No amount of good works or self-cleansing can make us pure enough to deserve forgiveness and relationship with a holy God.

The objective of the local church is to provide a classroom for the transmission of Bible truth from the pages of the Word of God to individual souls,

via the pastor-teacher.

Right thinking must precede right motivation, which must precede right function as the basic concept of the

Honor Code.