

Doctrine of Christians as Kings

1. There are many exalted views of the Christian set forth in Scripture.
 - Christians are an elect people. *1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*
 - Christians are sons of God. *1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*
 - Christians are kings. *Revelation 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*
 - Christians are priests. *Revelation 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*
 - Christians are a holy nation. *1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*
 - Christians are joint-heirs with Christ. *Romans 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*
2. Concerning the exalted position of being a king in the kingdom of heaven, several important concepts should be noted.
3. Being a king in the royal kingdom of heaven is a present reality.
 - *Revelation 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*
 - *Revelation 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*
4. Because Christians have been made kings, we should reign in life like one.
 - *Romans 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)*

5. To reign as a king does not mean to have unlimited authority to do as one pleases. That would be tyranny. The Lord has not made us tyrants, but He has given us authority over a domain. He has also given us a ministry, and that is the ministry of reconciliation.
 - *2 Corinthians 5:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.*

6. Christians rule in families. Ruling a family means to rule it according to Biblical principles. The Bible has a lot to say about how parents are to rule, with the husband being the head of the household, as Christ is the Head of the church.
 - *Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. 29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: 30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. 31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.*

7. Christians rule in work. They will be fair and just to those who labor for them, and fair and just to those who labor with them.
 - *Ephesians 6:5 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 6 Not with eye service, as men pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; 7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: 8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.*

8. Christians rule in society because they are the salt of the earth. When Christians oppose abortion, homosexuality, and the breakdown of the home, they stand in judgment upon society.
 - *Matthew 5:13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*

Special Note.

If a society, dominated by Christians is not very Christ like it, is because the reality does not correspond to the Bible rhetoric of having an exalted position. It is important for Christians to realize who they are in Christ, and function as believer priests and kings unto our God. It is time for the church to take the dominion that it has been given. There is only one ultimate reason why the Supreme Court has legalized abortion, homosexuality, and every other form of perversion and injustice and that is because the Christian community has not been unified or vocal. Some have, but not enough. There is strength in numbers.

9. The Christian is to reign over sin.

- *Romans 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

10. The Christian is to reign over the flesh.

- *Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*
- *Galatians 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*

11. The Christian is to reign over the circumstances of life.

- *Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*

12. The Christian is to reign over all the power of the Enemy.

- *Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

13. The Christian is to reign over fear and death.

- *Romans 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

14. If a king does not think, live, and act like royalty, he has abdicated his responsibilities just like King George VI of England abdicated the throne in December 1936 for the woman he loved, the divorced American socialite, Wallis Simpson. If a Christian does not stand in judgment on society, there is an abdication of responsibility.

- *John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.*