

Ruling and Reigning In Life:

Part 1: Taking Dominion

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God says we can! And, He tells us how to do it in His Word!

Scripture Reference:

- "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." [Gen. 1:26]
 - "What is man, that you are mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? For you have made him (man) a little lower than the angels, and have crowned him with glory and honor. You made him (man) to have dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet:" [Ps. 8:4-6]
 - "...Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." [Rv.1:5-6]
 - "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.)" [Rom. 5:17]
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Who and What Are We?

Pay close attention to what GOD has said about His children - every person who has been born again into the family of God (the Church):

- "(He) has made us kings and priests unto God".
- "(He) made us to have dominion over the works of His hands"
- "(He) made us to be kings"

Did you notice that when speaking about US - GOD did NOT say that he is going to *make* us kings and priests unto Him (at some time in the future) - or that He was going to *give* us dominion - but rather that he has already MADE us (past tense) kings and priests and He has already GIVEN us dominion?

It's The Word of God:

It is important to remember that it is the WORD of GOD that says this - and not me, or some man - but God Almighty in His Word. I do not believe that this is a misprint or that God made a mistake when speaking to us about this subject.

If you pay attention to the scriptures in Romans 4: 16-18, this is exactly how God spoke about Abraham before He even had a child: "As it is written, I have made thee (past tense) a father of many nations ..."

Yet, it was only when Abram believed what God had said - and began to call himself Abraham - he then saw the promise fulfilled - manifested - become reality.

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It is important to understand that Abram began to call himself 'Abraham' – (meaning "Exalted Father") - despite the fact that there was no physical evidence that he had a child (much less many children) - or that he would ever have a child!

When Abram did that - God called it: Faith.

Kings And Priests

There is much to say about being made both a king - and a priest, but today I want to focus on the fact that God has made us kings - AND - That He has given US the right and the power to govern and control!

Question: What do kings do?

Answer: They reign over their kingdom - they rule. (Don't they?)

If they do - then that would explain more fully what the passage in Romans 5 means: "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.)" [Rom. 5:17]

What exactly do the words "Reign" and "Dominion" mean?

To find out the meaning of the words - we need to first look at the original languages (Hebrew & Greek) and see what words they used.

Dominion:

The original Hebrew uses the word "radah" [Genesis 1:26] - which means literally:

- "To Rule over with Authority"
- "To Subjugate"
- "The Right and the Power to Govern and Control"
- "To Dominate"

In Psalm 8:6 the Hebrew word used is "mashal" which again means:

- "To have ruling power over"
 - "To dominate"
 - "To make to have the right and power to govern and control"
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Reign:

The original Greek uses the word "basileuo" - which means literally: "To Rule over with Authority."

Wow! - Did you see what God said to us by the Holy Spirit thru the hands of Paul? If I read this passage in the original Greek it would be translated like this:

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Again I want to remind you that it was GOD - and not I who said this to us in His Word. And if He said it - it must be true - even if we don't understand it - accept it - or believe it. It's still true!

The Key to Reigning in Life:

I understand that many people might have questions as to why they don't seem to be able to do this. After all, if God *said* it, then how come so many don't seem to have any ability to do this? The answer is found in the same passage. Notice the phrase: "they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness..."

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According to the above scripture, we will not be able to reign over our lives - rule with authority - until we receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness. Sadly, most Christians *wrongly* believe that if they received salvation thru Christ then they received all there is - and the truth is that they haven't.

All they received was that they get to go to heaven when they die (because that's all they believe) - and most never recognize - accept - or believe that there is a whole lot more that was given to us then just getting to go to heaven when we die (not that salvation is not tremendous enough on its own).

Ye the Word of God clearly states that there is much more that is available to us then just getting to go to heaven when we die: "But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak." [Heb. 6:9]

Did you notice that God says in His Word that there are OTHER THINGS that accompany salvation? In other words there is a whole lot more that is also available to us!

Receiving the Other Things:

Just because something is given - does not mean that we receive it. There have been many times when someone has tried to give me something that I chose not to receive. How about you - has anyone ever offered you something that you refused to take?

So it is with salvation - God *gave* the gift of Eternal Life thru Christ to the entire world - yet not everyone chooses to receive it. And one cannot and will not receive it unless it is by FAITH! [Eph 2:8]

And just as salvation is received thru faith - so are all of the other blessings and promises - including the ability to rule and reign over our lives.

As with salvation - one must first believe that the promise is true and available for the taking - and then receive it by faith!

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The key is learning HOW!

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