

ROYAL FAMILY OF GOD

The English word **Royal** is used as an adjective (basilikos) in our lesson text. For this lesson, it is important to understand the formation of the meaning of Greek words by suffices.

For example:

- In **Jas.2:8**, the Greek adjective is basilikos (ikos) which emphasizes the characteristic of a thing as **royal law - highest excellence**.
- In **1 Pet.2:9**, the Greek adjective is basileios (ios) which emphasizes the characteristic of a person as a **royal priest - highest distinction**.

Three additional examples of the use of the Greek suffix related to our subject.

- The Greek noun is translated king (basileus) in (Matt.2:2).
- The Greek noun is translated **kingdom** (basileia) in (John 3:3-5).
- The Greek verb is translated **reign** (basileuo) in (Luke 1:31-33).

This lesson will study four aspects of how every church age believer becomes a royal member of the family of God.

1. The royalty of every church age believer is based on the Divine Royal Family of Jesus Christ.

It is not based on human birth or human merit (Titus 3:5) [not by works of righteousness which we have done].

(2 Cor.5:21) “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

The Pharisees ask Jesus this question in (Matt.22:36), “Which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus gave the answer in (Matt.22:37-40) Read Deut.6:5; Lev.19:18 and the personal comment in (Matt.22:40).

Then Jesus ask them a question in (Matt.22:42), “What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?” They answered (human royalty), “The son of David.”

Jesus answer with two question that teach **divine royalty** (Matt.22:43-44; Ps.110:1 and Matt.22:45)

2. Every church age believer becomes a member of the Divine Royal Family of God the moment he believes that Jesus died for his sins, was buried and raised on the third day to give us eternal life. (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9)

The average believer probably wouldn't have shared the gospel of regeneration with Nicodemus because of his religious reputation (John 3:1-2, 10-12).

(John 3:3) “Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

- Nicodemus responded with two questions that led to a second gospel presentation. “Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit** he cannot enter into the kingdom (basileia) of God.” (John 3:5)
- Nicodemus responded with his final question (John 3:9) that led Jesus to respond with two questions (John 3:10-12) and a longer presentation of the mechanics of the gospel of grace salvation (John 3:13-21)

3. Every church age believer becomes a member of the Divine Royal Family of God based on positional sanctification. (2 Thess.2:13; Rom.4:13-14, 21-25; 9:18).

In order to fulfill the Davidic Covenant, Jesus must be able to SIT on the throne in heaven as well as the millennial throne in a Resurrection Body (2 Sam.7:12-17).

(2 Sam.7:16) “**Your house and your kingdom** shall endure before Me forever; **your throne** shall be established forever.”

(Eph.1:20) “Which He brought about in Christ, **when** He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at the right hand in the heavenly places.” (Eph.1:3)

(Eph.2:5-6) “Even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” (Acts 2: 29-36)

4. Becoming a member of the Divine Royal Family of God is 1 of 20 status-privileges in the package of salvation (Matt.12:46-50; 2 Pet.1:3-4).

(Rev.1:6) “And He made us to a kingdom (basileia), priest to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.” (1 Pet.2:5, 9)

(2 Tim.2:12) “If we endure, we will also reign with Him.” (Rev.5:9-10; 20:6)

(2 Pet.1:11)

“For in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.”