

King Jesus

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Col 1:9-27 emphasis on vs 13, 14, 27 (all quotes were from the New Living Bible. Unavailable at Biblegateway.com. Modern English Version used.)

13 “He has delivered us from the power of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of His dear Son”

14 “in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

27 “To them [His saints] God would make known what is the glorious riches of this mystery among the nations. It is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

Introduction

- Aaron and Debbie Missionaries in Africa.
- In Lesotho country. Land locked by South Africa.
- Called “Kingdom in the sky.” Lowest point 1000 mts above sea lea level. Brisbane highest point Mt Cootha 283 mtrs. Above sea level.
- Very poor country
- It is a Democracy but has a king.

Chance meeting with the king

- Aaron at one of two gyms. Ear phones on. In zone. Doing circuit. Person about to use same machine as Aaron. Deferred to him.
- Then Aaron realized it was the king. King Leslie 111 (Aaron wished he had said “you first, your Majesty”)
- Everyone else made wide arch.
- It had been just him, the king and kings bodyguard.
- His picture is everywhere. Very recognisable.
- He was gracious and kind.

Question - Who treats king like that in his own kingdom?

- Imagine living in a kingdom and acting like the king does not exist.
- That is how most of the world lives in relation to king Jesus.

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Types of Monarchs

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A. Constitutional Monarchy

- Lesotho a constitutional monarchy (like Britain).
- Though royals treated with honour and respect they are figure heads.
- Democratically elected government decision makers.
- ie if our monarch wanted to change our law at best we would vote on it.

B. Absolute Monarchy

- An absolute monarch rules absolutely.
- No need of government
- Their word is the law.
- They have unlimited power & authority.
- Leadership is a birthright (King because father was king.)
- Very few in the world today – ie Saudi Arabia, Sultan of Brunei.

Jesus Kingdom

Question: What kind of king is Jesus?

Absolute monarch

1. Lord of Lords, and King of Kings.
2. Lord of Hosts or angel Armies (He is returning at head of his army.)

Returning king

1. will restore His sovereign rule (allowing rebellion now but will come to an end.)
2. Reveal who He is

Rom 14:11 “For it is written: “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” (Isa 45:23) (better to do it willingly than being forced to)

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Phil 2:6-8 “who, being in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped. 7 But He emptied Himself, taking upon Himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in the form of a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.”

Jn 18:33 – 19:16 (whole passage quoted from) (37) “**You say correctly that I am a king.** (bold mine) For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is **of the truth** (bold mine) hears My voice.”

- His followers did not make Him a king

- Jesus born king.
- Those who love the truth know the truth of what He says
- His kingdom highest (higher than Pilate's rule. That is why a carpenter could tell him I am letting you crucify me.)
- His kingdom is like no other. **Mark 10:45** "*For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.*"

Conclusion

- You were his enemy but have been brought into His presence to be made holy and blameless.
- Like In Lesotho dual citizenship is not possible.
- I either swear allegiance to the king of kings or the temporary king of this world.

To become a citizen of heaven involves:

1. Repentance
 2. swear allegiance
- That is it. The king did it all.
 - It matters not if we have been very bad or very good (as Queen Elizabeth was).
 - We all become citizens of heaven the same way.