



KEYS TO THE KINGDOM – 7

“ROYALTY FOREVER”

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WHEN YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST AND ACCEPT HIM AS SAVIOR, THESE HEAVENLY REALITIES HAPPEN TO YOU:

1. YOU ARE JUSTIFIED (CONSIDERED BY GOD AS RIGHTEOUS).

Rom. 3:24 *They are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. (NRSV)*

2. YOU ARE “BORN AGAIN” AND YOU BECOME A BRAND-NEW PERSON.

Titus 3:5 *He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit. (NASB)*

2 Cor. 5:17 *This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (NLT)*

3. YOU BECOME A MEMBER OF GOD’S ROYAL FAMILY.

John 1:12 *But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. (NLT)*

Rom. 8:17 *And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory. (NLT)*

4. YOU RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE.

1 John 5:11-12 *This is what God told us: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life, but whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. (NCV)*

5. YOU ARE SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Eph. 1:13-14 *So it is with you. When you heard the true teaching – the Good News about your salvation – you believed in Christ. And in Christ, God put his special mark of ownership on you by giving you the Holy Spirit that he had promised. That Holy Spirit is the guarantee that we will receive what God promised for his people until God gives full freedom to those who are his – to bring praise to God’s glory. (NCV)*

6. YOU ARE UNITED WITH CHRIST AND SEATED WITH HIM IN HEAVENLY REALMS.

Eph. 2:4-6 *But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. (NLT)*

7. YOU IMMEDIATELY PASS FROM DEATH INTO LIFE AND WILL NEVER BE CONDEMNED FOR YOUR SINS.

John 5:24 *“I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.” (NLT)*

AS A BORN-AGAIN PERSON, YOU STILL HAVE TO FIGHT SINFUL CRAVINGS, BUT YOU ARE NO LONGER RULED BY YOUR SINFUL NATURE.

Gal. 5:16-18 *So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what*

your sinful nature craves. The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses. (NLT)

Rom. 8:9 *But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) (NLT)*

1 John 3:9 *Those who have been born into God’s family do not make a practice of sinning, because God’s life is in them. So they can’t keep on sinning, because they are children of God. (NLT)*

AS A BORN-AGAIN PERSON, WHEN YOU SIN . . .

1. YOU ARE NOT CONDEMNED.

Rom. 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (NRSV)*

2. CHRIST IS YOUR ADVOCATE.

1 John 2:1 *My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. (NASB)*

3. CHRIST KEEPS YOU SAVED.

John 10:27-29 *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.” (NASB)*

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT CLEANSSES AND TRANSFORMS YOU.

John 14:16 *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.” (NRSV)*

1 John 1:9-10 *But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts. (NLT)*

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

1. GOD WANTS YOU TO BE SURE THAT YOUR SALVATION IS ONLY IN JESUS CHRIST.

1 John 5:13 *I write this letter to you who believe in the Son of God so you will know you have eternal life. (NCV)*

2. GOD PLANNED FOR YOU TO DO GOOD THINGS THAT ARE MOTIVATED BY LOVE, NOT FEAR OR GAIN.

Eph. 2:10 *For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. (NLT)*

1 John 4:18 *Where God’s love is, there is no fear, because God’s perfect love drives out fear. It is punishment that makes a person fear, so love is not made perfect in the person who fears. (NCV)*

3. GOD WANTS YOU TO HAVE ETERNAL SECURITY SO YOU WILL TRUST HIM FOR ETERNITY.

Rom. 8:35-39



Key-7: BE ASSURED OF MY ROYAL STATUS FOREVER.