

Our Kingdom Connection

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We have been raised as _____ and _____, within the Kingdom of God

Mark 16:14-20 ESV

Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

¹⁹ So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message (The Kingdom of God) by accompanying signs.

1 Peter 2:9-12 ESV

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood a holy nation, a people for his own possession-or of treasured possession, that you *may proclaim* the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Seven Characteristics of Kingdom Citizens

1. Believers

2. Chosen race
3. King/Priest identity
4. God's people
5. Personification of God's Excellence
6. Sojourners and exiles
7. Proclaimers (Praise that declares the transfer of citizenship)

Romans 14:17-19 ESV

¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹ So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.