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**‘To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father - to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.’**

[Revelation 1:5b) - 6]

**Do we realise the wonder of the fact that Jesus has ‘made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father’?**

Prior to coming to God in Jesus the Christ everyone is a slave to sin, and a priest to Satan. [cf. Romans 6:15 - 23; Ephesians 2:1 - 3]

BUT having been washed by the blood of Christ, he makes us kings and priests to God his Father!

King and priest are two of the greatest offices in the world.

They are united in a Christian.

In OT we learn that these offices were united in Melchizedek who was ‘**king of Salem**’ and ‘**priest of God Most High**’. [Genesis 14:18]

They are also united in Jesus the Christ, the “**king of righteousness**”, and “**king of peace**”. [cf. Revelation 17:14; 19:16; Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:1 - 10; 6:19 - 20; 7:1 - 17]

In and through this glorious High Priest, Jesus the Christ, Christians can enter into the ‘**Most Holy Place**’, with confidence. [Hebrews 4:14 - 16; 10:19 - 22; 13:11 - 16]

In Jesus the Christ we are kings and priests for God!

Like kings of old, the Christian has great possessions. BUT unlike the kings of Old, the Christian’s treasures are not material. They consist of the pearl of great value [cf. Matthew 13:45]; God’s loving-kindness; being a son of God the Creator.

The Christian may have nothing by human standards, yet he has everything.

[cf. 1 Corinthians 3:21 - 23; 2 Corinthians 10b)]

As a king of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, whom the Father and the Son sent to indwell the Christian, he has power:

- to *overcome* sin, rather than be its slave;
- to be *in* the world, but *no longer of* the world, and its ways;
- to be free from the grasp of Satan.

And one day he will receive the crown of righteousness. [cf. 2 Timothy 4:7 - 8]

As a priest to serve God the Christian has throne off the yoke of Satan’s slavery, and now he:

- has *access* to the throne of God;
- offers up *not animal* sacrifices *but* the sacrifice of his own heart [cf. Psalm 51:17];
- offers up *praise* and *prayers* to heaven [cf. Revelation 5:6 - 14].

Another important task of a priest is to intercede for the people and lead them to the Lord.

Are you a true king and a priest serving God?

Am I?

If we are then we can declare that God in Jesus the Christ loves us, has washed us clean in the blood of Christ, and made us kings and priests to serve him!

And we can rejoice before God, and be happy and joyful [cf. Psalm 68:3].

**To God be all the glory and honour!**

Yours in Christ,  
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