Citizens in the Kingdom Of Christ

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INTRODUCTION

- The God who made us also loved us so much that he gave his only begotten son for us. And through his only begotten Son, he made everything that there was.
- So we're talking this morning about who created us and who sustains us and who has established the way he wants us to live.

1 In a Kingdom, the Monarch Has All Authority

Colossians 1:13; Matthew 28:18–20; Acts 2

- You and I who have become Christians have been translated from the power of darkness into the kingdom of the Son of His love.
- When our Lord Jesus died for you and for me and established his kingdom, he did not establish a democracy or an elected republic.
- Our king is the absolute monarch. He makes the laws, and we are to abide by them as citizens, whether we like them or not.
- He is already king, and we are in the kingdom with him.

2 The King of Persia Made Laws

Esther 3:10–12

- King Ahashuerus, king of the empire of Persia, made laws. And it is said of the laws of the Medes and the Persians that once that law was written, it was not to be changed.
- So they were to write what the king dictated.
- Can you see how a king from one physical location then had control over all of that nation and all of that kingdom?
- All of those servants were to do exactly as the king said.

3 Apostles and Prophets, Like the Scribes

Ephesians 4:7–11; Acts 1:4–8

- So these, beloved, are the gifts that Jesus the King chose to give.
- So we have apostles and prophets, which Ephesians 2 also read this morning, were in the foundation of God's kingdom, like the scribes of old.
- He would not turn them loose to do what he wanted until the Holy Spirit came on them to guide them into all truth.
- And that's what this book is. It's the expression of his will given to us by the apostles and prophets.

4 The Evangelists Are the Messengers

2 Timothy 2:2

- The evangelists appointed by God are the messengers.
- The evangelist's job is to take what God said and make sure that message gets out exactly the way God says.
- The things you've heard from me, Timothy, among many witnesses, commit these to faithful people who will be able to teach others also.

5 Pastors and Teachers Execute His Will in Local Places

Titus 1:9; Galatians 1

- He established pastors and teachers, the Lord's servants, to execute his will in local places.
- Holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convict those who contradict.
- But they have no legislative authority. Their authority is to take what God said and enact it.
- If an angel from heaven, or another one claiming to be an apostle, comes to you and teaches something different than the gospel I have taught you, let him be accursed.

6 Our King Does Not Change

Jude 3; Revelation 22; 2 Thessalonians 2

- He's the same yesterday, today, and forever.
- But nations change those things. Not our king.
- We live in a kingdom, beloved, not in a republic where you can vote and change what the king says.
- We don't need to change God's laws to fit man's limited wisdom. We need to change man to fit God's perfect laws, just like we do for the natural laws.
- There are two ways to study the Bible. You can study to justify what we want to do. Or you can study it to learn what our king wants us to do.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **And the King of kings wants you to be in his kingdom. And he gave his all just for you and for me. Don't wait another day.**

MY NOTES