

# Reigning With Christ

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## 2 Timothy 2:11-13

"This is a faithful saying: For if we **died** with Him, we shall also **live** with Him. If we **endure**, we shall also **reign** with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."

- ▶ Have we died with Christ? (Rom. 6:2–3; Col. 3:3)
- Do we now live with Christ? (Rom. 6:4; Gal. 2:20)
- Do we endure with Christ? (2 Tim. 3:12)
- Do we now reign with Christ? (Rom. 5:17)

If the antecedent is true, the consequence is true also

## We Reign With Christ Now

(1 Cor. 15:24-25; Rev. 5:9-10)

- ◆ Kings and Priests now (Rev. 1:6)
- ◆ Reign in life through righteousness (Rom. 5:17)
- ◆ Reign by righteous judgment (1 Cor. 6:2-3)
- ◆ Reign by enduring (2 Tim. 2:12)
- ◆ Reign by overcoming (Rev. 3:21)
- ◆ Ruling over the nations (Rev. 2:25–26)

#### Christ Reigns Now — Christians Reign Now

### Revelation 5:9-10

"And they sang a new song, saying: You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."

ASV: "and they reign upon the earth"

Weymouth: "and they reign over the earth"

TCNT: "and they are reigning upon the earth"

Moulton: "and they reign upon the earth"

Marvin Vincent: "We shall reign. Read they reign. Their reigning is not future, but present." (Vincent's Word Studies, Vol. II, p. 492)

H.A.W. Meyer: "it is a perversion to change the present 'reign' into a future, or to take it in the sense of a future." (Critical and Exegetical Handbook, Vol. XI, p. 214)

# Saints Judge The World

"Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?"

I Corinthians 6:2

"By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith."

Hebrews 11:7

#### Matthew 19:28

"So Jesus said to them, Assuredly I say to you, that in **the regeneration**, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

- ◆ People are being regenerated now (John 3:5; Titus 3:5)
- ◆ Christ is on the throne of His glory (Luke 24:26; Rev. 3:21)
- ◆ The Apostles are judging now (John 20:23; 1 Cor. 5:3)

During their personal ministry they judged in person; since then they judge through their writings.

We have only the writings of a few of the apostles.

Judgments pronounced by one of a bench of judges, with the known approval of all, are the judgments of the entire bench.

#### "Inherit The Earth"

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (Matt. 5:5)

- ♦ What does it mean to "inherit the earth?"
- This is not a promise that we would own oil wells, orchards and fancy cars
- ♦ The phrase "inherit the earth" or "inherit the land" is found in many Old Testament passages (Deut. 19:14; Psa. 25:13; 37:9)
- ♦ Traced to the Old Testament view of Canaan as the earthly object of Divine blessings

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#### The Meek Have Inherited The Earth!

"Therefore let no one glory in men. For all things are yours: whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come—all are yours. And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's" (1 Cor. 3:21–23)

"...as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things" (2 Cor. 6:10)

## Power Over The Nations



"And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations."



Revelation 2:26



"See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant."



Jeremiah 1:10



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