

DOMINION & ROYALTY IN CHRIST

1. Born to Rule / Dominion

Man was created for dominion that through Christ, man shall have power to rule.

→ Dominion is not a reward; it's the original design. Christ restores what Adam lost.

God created humanity with a divine mandate to rule over creation, as seen in His first command to mankind. Dominion reflects God's original intent for humanity to govern as His representatives on earth. Through Adam's fall, this authority was compromised, but Christ's redemptive work restores believers to their God-given position of rulership. This is not a future promise but a present reality Christ's victory reestablishes our ability to exercise authority over creation and spiritual forces, aligning with God's original design.

Genesis 1:26–28 — “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

Words spoken to us reveal purpose. “Let us make man in our image.”

→ Identity was declared before breath. Image = nature. Likeness = function.

God's declaration of purpose over humanity preceded our existence. The phrase “in Our image” speaks to our inherent nature reflecting God's character, creativity, and authority. “Likeness” refers to our function, the ability to operate as God's representatives. Before humanity took its first breath, God defined our identity as rulers in His likeness, designed to reflect His glory and govern with divine authority.

Genesis 1:26 — “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...’”

Before a man takes a breath, his purpose is already defined.

→ You were ordained before you were formed.

Jeremiah 1:5 — “Before I formed you... I ordained you...”

God's purpose for you was established before your physical formation. Your existence is not an accident but a deliberate act of divine design. Just as God spoke to Jeremiah, He has ordained each believer for a specific purpose to rule and represent His kingdom.

This truth anchors our identity, giving us confidence that our calling is rooted in God's eternal plan.

Jeremiah 1:5 — “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

Dominion was the call, and everything else (prayer, worship) flows from that.

→ Worship aligns us with dominion. Prayer is not begging, it's governing.

Dominion is the foundation of humanity's purpose, and spiritual practices like prayer and worship serve to align us with that calling. Worship connects us to God's nature, reminding us of our identity in Him, while prayer is an exercise of authority, not a plea for favor. When we pray, we declare God's will, governing from our position as co-heirs with Christ, enforcing His kingdom on earth.

Romans 8:17 — “And if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”

In Christ, authority is restored, authority that was lost in Genesis 3.

→ Redemption is reinstatement. You're not just forgiven, you're re-crowned for kingdom impact.

The fall in Genesis 3 resulted in humanity losing its authority to Satan, but Christ's redemptive work on the cross restores that authority. Redemption is more than forgiveness of sins; it reinstates believers as rulers in God's kingdom. Through Christ, we are crowned with authority to impact the world, bringing God's order and glory into every sphere of life.

Colossians 2:15 — “Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.”

Understand your identity. We are supposed to have a reigning consciousness.

→ You don't beg heaven for what's already yours. You enforce it.

A reigning consciousness flows from knowing who you are in Christ. As believers, we are not petitioners begging for God's intervention but enforcers of His will, standing in the authority He has given us. This mindset shifts our perspective from lack to abundance, from pleading to proclaiming, as we operate from the victory Christ has already secured.

Ephesians 1:3 — “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.”

You are not made to be dominated by spirits and things of this world.

→ You were created to subdue, not submit.

Luke 10:19 — “I give you authority... over all the power of the enemy...”

God created humanity to rule over creation, not to be ruled by it. Spiritual forces, circumstances, or worldly systems have no authority over a believer who stands in Christ’s victory. Jesus explicitly gave His followers authority to tread on spiritual opposition, ensuring that nothing can overpower those who walk in their God-given dominion.

Luke 10:19 — “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

Rule effectively as a representation of God in His likeness.

→ Dominion is not aggression it’s divine nature.

Psalms 115:16 — “The earth He has given to the children of men.”

Ruling in God’s likeness means exercising authority with His character love, wisdom, and justice. Dominion is not about forceful control but about reflecting God’s nature in our stewardship of the earth. God has entrusted humanity with the responsibility to manage creation, and in Christ, we fulfill this mandate with divine grace and power.

Psalms 115:16 — “The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord’s; but the earth He has given to the children of men.”

It is to restore man to his original purpose.

→ Redemption returns us to Eden’s mandate which was to reign.

Redemption through Christ is a return to God’s original plan for humanity to reign as His representatives. The Garden of Eden was a place of perfect authority and communion with God, and through Jesus, we are restored to that mandate. This restoration empowers us to live out our purpose as rulers, bringing God’s kingdom to earth.

Revelation 5:10 — “And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.”

It is in Him that we know who we are. “To know God is to know yourself.”

→ Identity flows from intimacy. (Remain in me and I in you...)

Colossians 3:3 — “Your life is hidden with Christ in God.”

Our true identity is discovered in intimate relationship with God. As we abide in Christ, we come to understand who we are as His image-bearers, called to rule and reflect His glory. Our lives are hidden in Christ, meaning our purpose, value, and authority are

secure in Him, revealed through communion with the Father. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation meaning when someone truly receives Christ, they don't just get forgiven they become spiritually reborn. The old identity, guilt, and patterns lose their grip. You're not a better version of your past you're a completely new creation, with a new nature, new authority, and a new destiny. And for you to fully come to the knowledge of it and understand the new you, you must have relationship with God

Colossians 3:3 — "For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

John 15:4 — "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me."

To forget your identity is when you're told something contrary to who you are.

→ The fall began with deception, not fruit.

Genesis 3:11 — "Who told you...?"

The fall in Eden began when Adam and Eve believed a lie about their identity, questioning God's truth. Satan's deception led them to doubt their God-given authority and purpose. Similarly, forgetting our identity in Christ opens the door to lies that undermine our dominion. We must hold fast to God's truth about who we are to maintain our authority.

Genesis 3:11 — "And He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?'"

2. The Fall and Loss of Authority

Romans 5:12

→ Sin entered through Adam and infected humanity.

Adam's disobedience introduced sin into the world, corrupting humanity's nature and authority. This sin separated mankind from God's original design, causing a loss of dominion. The fall was not just a moral failure but a forfeiture of humanity's God-given role to rule creation.

Romans 5:12 — "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—"

It is by the blood that we still carry the sin.

→ Bloodline determines spiritual ownership.

Leviticus 17:11 — “The life of the flesh is in the blood...”

The Bible teaches that life is in the blood, and through Adam’s bloodline, sin was passed to all humanity. This spiritual ownership of sin bound mankind to its consequences until Christ’s blood provided redemption. His sacrifice broke the curse, transferring believers from the domain of sin to the kingdom of God.

Leviticus 17:11 — “For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.”

Adam lost dominion, not religion.

→ He still believed in God, but lost his throne, his purpose which is to rule, then Satan became the god of this world.

Adam’s fall was not about losing faith in God but about losing his position of authority. He retained a relationship with God but forfeited his role as ruler over creation. Satan usurped this authority, becoming the “god of this world” by default, until Christ reclaimed it through His victory.

2 Corinthians 4:4 — “Whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”

The tragedy of the fall was not just moral but governmental.

→ Satan stole Adam’s role and became “god of this world.”

The fall had far-reaching consequences beyond morality it disrupted God’s governmental order on earth. Satan seized the authority Adam was meant to wield, establishing a temporary rule over the world. Christ’s redemption reverses this, restoring believers to their rightful place of authority.

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Authority leaks when we act against the Word of God.

→ Rebellion breaks rank. Authority works through alignment, not rebellion.

James 4:7 — “Submit to God. Resist the devil...”

Authority is sustained through obedience to God’s Word. When we rebel or act contrary to His truth, we step out of alignment with His authority, weakening our spiritual

position. Submission to God positions us to resist the devil effectively, ensuring our dominion is upheld.

James 4:7 — “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

3. Restoration Through Christ

Salvation is restoration to authority not only forgiveness.

→ Jesus restores position, not just purity.

Salvation through Christ is more than forgiveness of sins; it is a restoration of our God-given authority. Jesus’ work on the cross cleanses us and reinstates us as rulers in His kingdom, equipping us to fulfill our original purpose of dominion.

John 1:12 — “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.”

Redemption is restoration of rulership.

→ Grace gives more than mercy, it gives a crown.

Through redemption, God’s grace does more than forgive it crowns us with authority. We are restored as kings and priests, empowered to rule with Christ. This grace positions us to reign in life, fulfilling our divine mandate.

Romans 5:17 — “For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.”

John 1:12 — ‘But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ‘

Revelation 1:6 — “He has made us kings and priests...”

→ Not future royalty, present position.

Christ has already made believers kings and priests, a present reality that defines our identity. This is not a future hope but a current position, calling us to live and operate as royalty in God’s kingdom now.

Revelation 1:6 — “And has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Grace saves and also enthrones.

→ You're not just rescued you're positioned.

Romans 5:1 — “We have peace with God...”

God's grace not only saves us from sin but also elevates us to a position of authority. This grace brings peace with God, removing guilt and empowering us to stand confidently in our role as rulers, fully equipped to represent His kingdom.

Romans 5:1 — “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

4. Righteousness and Positioning

Without righteousness, power has no foundation.

→ Power collapses when confidence does.

Righteousness, given through Christ, is the foundation of our authority. Without the assurance of our right standing with God, our confidence falters, and our ability to exercise dominion weakens. Righteousness anchors our power, enabling us to rule with divine assurance.

2 Corinthians 5:21 — “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Don't fight darkness without understanding righteousness.

→ You must know your standing with God before acting. Authority flows from positioning, not shouting, it comes from knowing that you're standing right with God, that allows you to operate from rulership, dominion, you speak as the one sitting on the throne, not one begging heaven to act.

Spiritual warfare is ineffective without understanding our righteousness in Christ. Knowing we are justified and seated with Christ gives us the confidence to speak and act with authority. Our words carry the weight of our position, not the volume of our voice, as we declare God's will from the throne of grace.

Ephesians 2:6 — “And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

There is a difference between righteousness and right living, one is about where you stand with God and the other about what you do.

→ God has set you apart from the world, that's righteousness, you have peace with God through Jesus Christ.

→ He who knew no sin became sin so we can be righteousness with God.

Righteousness is our God-given standing through Christ's sacrifice, distinct from right living, which is our response to that gift. Righteousness is not earned but received, setting us apart as God's children with peace and authority. Right living flows from this position as we grow in obedience and holiness.

2 Corinthians 5:--'For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.'

Romans 5:1 — 'Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, '

5. The Consciousness of Royalty

Proverbs 23:7 — “As a man thinks in his heart...”

→ A king with a slave mindset lives like a slave.

Our thoughts shape our reality. If we think like slaves, bound by sin or limitation, we will live below our calling as kings. A royal consciousness, rooted in our identity in Christ, empowers us to live with the dignity and authority of God's children.

Proverbs 23:7 — “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. ‘Eat and drink!’ he says to you, but his heart is not with you.”

The greatest warfare is mental limitation.

→ Strongholds are ideas that argue against identity.

The most significant battle believers face is in the mind, where strongholds false beliefs and imaginations challenge our God-given identity. These mental barriers must be torn down by the truth of God's Word, enabling us to walk in our royal authority.

2 Corinthians 10:4–6 — “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.”

Adam lost dominion through deception so dominion is recovered through revelation.

→ Truth restores what lies stole.

Satan's deception in Eden caused Adam to lose his authority, but revelation through God's Word restores it. As we receive divine truth, we reclaim our dominion, walking in the knowledge of who we are in Christ and exercising our God-given authority.

Hosea 4:6 — "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me..."

John 14:26 — "The Spirit... will bring to remembrance..."

→ The Spirit revives forgotten identity.

The Holy Spirit is our guide, reminding us of God's truth about our identity and purpose. He counters the enemy's lies by bringing to our remembrance the reality of who we are in Christ, empowering us to live as rulers and representatives of God's kingdom.

John 14:26 — "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."

When we start thinking like kingdom, we will walk like kingdom.

→ Revelation shapes behavior.

A kingdom mindset, rooted in the revelation of our identity, transforms how we live. As we embrace our royal calling, our actions align with our authority, reflecting the character and power of God's kingdom in every area of life.

Romans 12:2 — "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Kings decree

they don't beg.

→ Move from prayer posture to rulership posture.

Job 22:28 'You will also declare a thing, And it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways.'

As kings in God's kingdom, we are called to decree His will with authority, not beg for His intervention. Our prayers should reflect our position as rulers, declaring God's

purposes with confidence, knowing that creation responds to the words of those who know their identity.

Job 22:28 — “You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; so light will shine on your ways.”

Speak like you come from royalty.

→ Creation responds to sons who know themselves.

Our words carry the weight of our royal identity. When we speak as sons and daughters of God, creation itself responds, eagerly awaiting the manifestation of God’s children who walk in their authority. Our declarations align the natural with the supernatural, bringing God’s order to earth.

Romans 8:19 — “For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.”

6. Spiritual Authority & Meditation

When confronting situations, let your words carry conviction.

→ Don’t agree with what God didn’t say. Speak truth.

Our words must reflect God’s truth, not the lies of the enemy or the chaos of circumstances. When we speak with conviction, rooted in our identity and God’s Word, we exercise authority, bringing alignment to situations that contradict God’s will.

Isaiah 55:11 — “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”

Authority flows from obedience.

→ Submission is the power portal.

Obedience to God positions us to operate in His authority. Jesus' submission to the Father's will led to His exaltation, and similarly, our submission to God empowers us to wield spiritual authority, enforcing His kingdom with divine power.

Philippians 2:8–11 — “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Operate from rest. Jesus slept through the storm.

→ Peace is proof of real authority.

True authority is marked by peace, not panic. Jesus demonstrated this by sleeping through a storm, confident in His Father's power. As believers, we operate from a place of rest, trusting in God's sovereignty and our position in Christ, which enables us to face any challenge with divine calm.

John 14:27 — “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

7. Operating in Divine Power & Awareness

Influence your environment. Speak order wherever you go.

→ Chaos responds to command.

Just as God spoke order into chaos at creation, we are called to speak order into our environments. Our words, empowered by our authority in Christ, bring God's kingdom into manifestation, transforming chaos into divine alignment.

Genesis 1:2–3 — “The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.”

Refuse the lies of the enemy. Let him find nothing of himself in you.

→ Agreement grants access.

Satan gains influence when we agree with his lies. By rejecting his deception and aligning with God's truth, we close the door to his access. Jesus declared that the enemy had no hold over Him, and we, too, can live free from the enemy's influence by standing firm in our identity.

John 14:30 — "I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me."

We are born to enforce dominion.

→ Reigning is not optional it's identity.

Dominion is not a privilege we earn but an inherent part of our identity as believers. We are born again to enforce God's kingdom, exercising authority over spiritual and natural realms as part of our divine birthright.

'Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. '

Luke 10:19

My words are spirit and life.

→ Words create or permit reality.

Our words, empowered by the Spirit, carry life and creative power. Just as Jesus' words were spirit and life, our declarations shape reality, either aligning it with God's truth or permitting the enemy's lies. We must speak with intentionality, knowing our words carry kingdom authority.

John 6:63 — "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."

8. Living as a Manifestation of the Kingdom

Walk in consciousness that you are in Christ as a ruler.

→ You fight from victory, not for it.

As believers, we operate from a position of victory, already secured by Christ. Our role is to enforce this victory, walking in the awareness that we are complete in Him, with all authority and power to rule as His representatives.

Scripture (NKJV):

Colossians 2:10 — “And you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.”

We are born to reign.

→ Royal birthright not religious title.

Our identity as a royal priesthood is not a mere title but a divine birthright. We are born again into God’s family, called to reign as His representatives, displaying His glory and authority in every sphere of life.

1 Peter 2:9 — “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

Let your life be a living demonstration that the Kingdom has come.

→ Kingdom is proven by transformation.

Our lives should visibly demonstrate the presence of God’s kingdom through transformed character, actions, and impact. By living out our dominion, we show the world that the kingdom of God is here, bringing healing, restoration, and order.

Luke 10:9 — “And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”

By us, man will know that the Kingdom of God has come.

→ You reveal the King by reigning with Him.

As we exercise our dominion, we become living testimonies of God's kingdom, revealing the King through our authority and actions. Our lives shine as lights in the world, drawing others to the reality of God's rule and reign.

Matthew 5:14–16 — “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”