

# Christ, Our King

## I. Introduction

A. One of the titles Scripture applies to Jesus is *King*. Consider some things Scripture teaches to be true about this King...

## II. ...Rules Today

A. Though some may teach that Christ's kingdom is yet to come, Scripture shows that His kingdom *has* come. Christ rules today as King. All who submit to His rule by coming to Him on His terms choose to be added to this kingdom. **Colossians 1:13**

## III. ...Is a Spiritual King

A. It may be difficult to accept that Christ's kingdom has come if one is looking for an earthly kingdom. Many Jews in the first century seemed to be looking for such a kingdom. **Acts 1:6**  
B. Jesus made it clear though that His kingdom is *spiritual* in nature. **John 18:36**

## IV. ...Is a Victorious King

A. The means this spiritual King used to build His kingdom is His descension, perfect life, teachings, death, and resurrection. Through the work of Christ as revealed in Scripture, He has been *victorious*, and allows His subjects to be freed from the captivity of Satan, sin, and death. **Ephesians 4:8**

## V. ...Has Supreme Power

A. Christ's victory is such that He is the *supreme* King of all kings. Those who submit to His rule can rest assured that no foe can overcome Him. We have reason to trust our King, His strength, and that all will ultimately work out for our good if we submit to Him in trusting obedience. **Revelation 17:14**

## VI. ...Must Be Obeyed

A. This *obedience* is vital for those who want to be citizens of Christ's kingdom. He is a King with authority who must be obeyed. He demands absolute loyalty from His subjects. **Ephesians 1:20-23**

## VII. ...Demands Servitude

A. The key demands of our King center on what greatness in His kingdom is about. While earthly kingdoms may focus on self-exaltation, rank, and preeminence, faithful citizens of Christ's kingdom focus on *servitude*. Even the King Himself has exemplified this. **Matthew 20:20-28**

## VIII. ...Reigns in Heaven

A. Though Christ's kingdom is spiritual in nature, there is a "headquarters" for this Kingdom. That headquarters is in *Heaven*, where the King rules on His throne. **1 Peter 3:22**  
B. This alludes to a key principal for the citizens of Christ's kingdom. While those who submit to Christ's rule may have a temporary citizenship on earth, the ultimate and eternal citizenship of His followers is heaven. **Philippians 3:20**

## IX. Conclusion

A. Each of us is going to give an account before this great King some day. It is our choice whether to face Him in *fear*, knowing His power to demand that we depart from Him, or to face Him with great *joy*, knowing that we have victory in Him because of the great things He has done for us, and the choice we have made to submit to His terms of citizenship. May we each choose the path that leads to eternity in the direct presence of the great and glorious King. **Colossians 1:13**