



THE ROYAL TREATMENT

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Text: Romans 8:14-17

Introduction: Have you ever felt special? Can you remember the last time someone treated you like a king/queen? We are all royalty as the children of God! If we are led by the Spirit of God we have freedom, blessings, and glory awaiting us in the kingdom. What does it mean to have this kind of royal treatment? Let's study together. . . .

Discussion:

I. We Are Heirs of the Promise

"You belong to Christ, so you are Abraham's descendants. You will inherit all of God's blessings because of the promise God made to Abraham." (Galatians 3:29)

"God wanted to prove that his promise was true to those who would get what he promised. And he wanted them to understand clearly that his purposes never change, so he made an oath." (Hebrews 6:17)

I. We Are Heirs of the Blessing

"So now you are not a slave; you are God's child, and God will give you the blessing he promised, because you are his child." (Galatians 4:7)

"This is that secret: that through the Good News those who are not Jews will share with the Jews in God's blessing. They belong to the same body, and they share together in the promise that God made in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 3:6)

II. We Are Heirs of Salvation

"All the angels are spirits who serve God and are sent to help those who will receive salvation." (Hebrews 1:14)

"Being made right with God by his grace, we could have the hope of receiving the life that never ends." (Titus 3:7)

IV. We Are Heirs of the Kingdom

"Listen, my dear brothers and sisters! God chose the poor in the world to be rich with faith and to receive the kingdom God promised to those who love him." (James 2:5)

"They are blessed who realize their spiritual poverty, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them. . . . They are blessed who are persecuted for doing good, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them." (Matthew 5:3, 10)

V. We Are Heirs of the Grace of Life

"In the same way, you husbands should live with your wives in an understanding way, since they are weaker than you. But show them respect, because God gives them the same blessing he gives you—the grace that gives true life. Do this so that nothing will stop your prayers." (1 Peter 3:7)

"Those who are God's children do not continue sinning, because the new life from God remains in them. They are not able to go on sinning, because they have become children of God. So we can see who God's children are and who the devil's children are: Those who do not do what is right are not God's children, and those who do not love their brothers and sisters are not God's children." (1 John 3:9-10)

Conclusion: How did this happen? Consider **Hebrews 9:16-17**. We must not forget that Jesus died to make all of this possible. Have you accepted Christ as your Lord? Are you communicating to your Heavenly Father? Isn't it time you started receiving the royal treatment?

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