

Walking in the Reign  
Rom.5:17; Rev.5:9-10  
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**The journey begins!** What is on the other side of yonder hill? (Romans 5:17) the side of the hill that can be seen –

1. The recipients of the “abundant provision of grace”
2. The recipients of the “the gift of righteousness”

The side of the hill that is not so visible –

3. The recipients of the above will also – “reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.”

Does the 1<sup>st</sup> apply to you? Does the 2<sup>nd</sup> apply to you? Does the 3<sup>rd</sup> then also apply to you? The only way to see what is on the other side of the hill is to climb high enough to see over. At this point all we know of this 3<sup>rd</sup> point is we are to have it. We do not yet understand what it is but can see that it is included in what is received in Christ.

Rev.5:9-10 provides an elevation point to see farther over the Hill. Again we find common ground. “because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God.” (Are you?) Those purchased, he “made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God” And (1Pet.2:9-12) “and they will reign upon the earth.” (Read in KJV for clearer connection – Kings instead of Kingdom)

What we are beginning to see is a reigning “in life” and a reigning “on earth” by those purchased. Can other scriptural rocks be found to let us see farther over the hill?

What did Jesus tell Peter about the building of His Church? “He will build and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.” (Mat.16:18) Has Jesus been building His Church? Acts2:41, 47 (KJV) and Col.1:12-14 Yes He has. Church and Kingdom, although they often times speak of different things, they just as often speak of them as being the

same. Without stressing any one too far, consider them as having an overlapping common ground. The two passages just mentioned speak of this common ground.

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This we know: Jesus is now sitting on the Throne and He is the head of the Church, which is His body. He began to reign at the same time as He became the Head of the Church. At least it seems to be simultaneous events, if not the same event, just languaged differently. (Heb.1:8; 4:15-16; 8:1-2; 12:2; 1Cor.15:23-26; Eph.1:22-23; Heb.2:8-9)

What was the state of the world when Jesus accepted this position? We know that the world did not accept nor want God to be sovereign over it. So what Jesus did was establish His Kingdom, the Church in the middle of hostility and rebellion. (does any parable about the kingdom sound like this? (Mat.21:33-44; Lk.14:16-26)

Rev.11:15-18 “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” .... “we give thee thanks. O Lord God, the Almighty, who art and who wast., because thou hast taken Thy great power and hast begun to reign.”

What can we tell about Jesus’ kingdom? What I am willing to at least believe is that Jesus is not so far removed from us. He is reigning now. His Kingdom is in our midst. If you have been redeemed or purchased by His blood, you are in that Kingdom now. What I am beginning to understand is that each believer is called into Jesus’ Kingdom, the Church universal, to reign. Evidence indicates an individual reigning in life on earth, but how? In what capacity? (WHERE IS YOUR CITIZENSHIP)