

Who Are You?

As followers of Jesus Christ, our identity gives us authentic 'throne rights', which we must recognise and learn to use over time!

We have a totally new status in life through the fact that we are now part of God's family – we are entering into the new creation that will come into its fulfilment with the return of Jesus to oversee his kingdom.

Throne Rights 5 – Greater is He Who is in You, than he that in the World

Because of our status as members of God's family, we have the privilege of being born again through our faith in Jesus, and indwelt by the Holy Spirit – God dwells in us!!!

¹Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, ⁴You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. (1 Jn 4:1-4)

The enemy of our lives is Satan, who is the one that we can and must overcome!!!

1. Only God is Sovereign

²⁴"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else (Acts 17:24-25)

2. Satan is a Created Being of the Angelic Order (and therefore, not sovereign)

- Created to be perfect but fell through pride and selfish ambition (Read only)

¹²This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: carnelian, chrysolite and emerald, topaz, onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. ¹⁷Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendour. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

(Ezek 28:12-13, 17)

- He was the deceiver in Eden (Gen 3:1-5; Jn 8:44)

⁹The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

(Rev 12:7-9)

- His destiny is the lake of fire (Rev 20:10)

3. Satan Rules over the Earth in a Limited Manner

- When expelled from heaven he was confined to earth (Read only) (Ezek 28:17)

One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. ⁷ The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it." (Job 1:6-7)

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, 'Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.' ¹⁸ He replied, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'
(Lu 10:17-20)

- He is described as the god of this age (2Cor 4:4) and the father of lies (Jn 8:44).
- However, his knowledge and power are limited – like a mad dog on God's leash
(Job 1:12; 2:6; Zech 3:1)

*⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. (This includes Satan, the god of this world (2Cor 4:4)
(1Cor 2:8)*

4. God has a Purpose for the Devil

- He has become a tool in God's training regime to teach us how to reign with Christ!!!

³¹ "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."
(Lu 22:31-32)

5. Resist the Devil and He will Flee

*⁴...anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? ⁶ But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble." ⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
(Jam 4:4-7)*

