

Kingdom Citizens



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Theme Scripture:

1 Peter 2:9 – *“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”*

1. Introduction

A citizen is a person who legally belongs to a country and has the rights and protection of that country. Citizens adopt the culture and practices of the nation or kingdom to which they belong. Every human being is born into the kingdom of this world, in which Satan rules. So, we grow up adopting the culture, practices, and values that he instigates.

- Being part of God’s Kingdom is not just about attending church—it’s about living as Kingdom people.
- Kingdom people represent God’s rule and reign on earth.

- Jesus taught His disciples to pray, “*Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*” (Matthew 6:10).

Question:

- What comes to your mind when you hear the phrase “Kingdom People”?
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2. Identity of Kingdom People

Kingdom people understand who they are in Christ:

1. **Chosen by God (1 Peter 2:9)** – Not an accident but set apart.
2. **Royal Priesthood** – We have direct access to God and carry His authority.
3. **Holy Nation** – Called to live differently, reflecting God’s holiness.
4. **Ambassadors of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20)** – We represent God’s Kingdom in a foreign land (the world).

Question:

- How does knowing your Kingdom identity affect the way you live daily?
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3. Characteristics of Kingdom People

Kingdom people are marked by:

1. **Obedience to God’s Word** – (John 14:15) “*If you love me, keep my commands.*”
 2. **Faith and Trust in God** – Living not by sight, but by faith (2 Cor. 5:7).
 3. **Love and Unity** – (John 13:35) Known by love for one another.
 4. **Service and Humility** – Greatness in the Kingdom comes through serving (Mark 10:43–45).
 5. **Kingdom Mindset** – Seeking God’s Kingdom first (Matthew 6:33).
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4. The Mission of Kingdom People

Kingdom people are not saved just to sit, but to serve and expand the Kingdom:

1. **Declare God’s Praises** – Living as witnesses of His goodness (1 Peter 2:9).
2. **Make Disciples** – (Matthew 28:19–20) Spreading the Gospel.

3. **Bring Light to Darkness** – (Matthew 5:14–16) Being salt and light in the world.
4. **Do Kingdom Works** – Healing, restoring, showing mercy, and advancing justice (Luke 4:18–19).

Question:

- In what practical ways can you demonstrate Kingdom living at home, work, or school?
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5. Rewards for Kingdom People

- **Spiritual Blessings Now** – Peace, joy, provision, power (Romans 14:17).
 - **Heavenly Inheritance Later** – Eternal life with Christ (Matthew 25:34).
 - **Divine Purpose Fulfilled** – Living meaningfully in God’s plan.
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6. Application

To be Kingdom People means:

- We know our identity in Christ.
 - We live by Kingdom values (obedience, love, faith, service).
 - We advance God’s Kingdom mission on earth.
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Conclusion:

Being Kingdom people isn’t about fitting into the world it’s about standing out for God. We live as children of the King, reflecting His glory, and bringing His reign wherever we go.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to you personally to be part of God’s Kingdom?
2. Which characteristic of Kingdom people do you find most challenging to live out?
3. How can our church/community better represent the Kingdom of God?
4. What steps can you take this week to live more intentionally as a Kingdom person?