

## 1. How you enter that kingship

*"... giving thanks to the Father, who has **qualified** you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."*  
*Colossians 1:12-14*

If you look, it doesn't say you obey to get qualified. It says you get qualified, and then you come in under the kingdom.

"Well, how in the world could that be?" **The answer is in him.**

*"For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption ..."*  
*vs. 13,14*

But Jesus Christ came and exchanged places with us. He stood in the *place* of the unworthy ones, and he got what the unworthiness is due.

When you become a Christian, there has been an exchange. That's what redemption means. He His life for yours is what has qualified us.

## 2. How you grow in it.

*We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: vs. 9,10*

But if you understand he has qualified you, he made you worthy, ... If you know that, here's what happens. Your life will come together as you *gladly obey him*, as you come more and more under his Lordship which he built you for, but that will only happen if you see he has qualified you.

On Christmas, the angels did not say *"Now unto you is given this day a course of behavior."* Instead it says, *"Unto you is born this day a Savior. For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government will be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, King, Prince of Peace."*



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Part 2

## Christ The King Why It Matters?

**Colossians 1:9-17**

**Colossians 1 is the loftiest and most penetrating view of who Jesus is.**

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

*This is God's Word*

**Last paragraph** tells us about the kingship of Christ that *is*. vs. 15-17

**First paragraph** tells us about the kingship of Christ that *can be*. vs. 9-14

The first one is about the *cosmic* kingship of Christ.

The second is about the *personal* kingship of Christ.

## I. Christ; King of the Cosmos

*He is before all things, ...*

*verse 17*

### 1. A biblical faith

Sees God as having- existed before the world,  
existing apart from the world, being transcendent over the world.

That's what Paul means by *He is before all thing, ....verse 17.*

*"For in him all things were created ..."* *verse 16*

*"... in him all things hold together."* *verse 17*

**Therefore-**

### 2. There's a physical and a moral order.

Because everything is created and all things are being held together.

### Two Examples of How *"in him all things hold together."*

#### 1. The uniformity of nature.

**David Hume**, famous philosopher of the eighteenth century who was an agnostic.

*"There's no way the orderliness of the universe proves God. I'll tell you one thing. The orderliness of the universe is so inexplicable you certainly can't disprove God either.*

*Nobody can be sure there is no God when you have this."*

#### 2. There's a moral order to the world

A secular person today will say there is no Creator God and, therefore, there is only the visible, not the invisible. But Verse 16 tells us there is a Creator God.

*... For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,*

A secularist will see the moral order, but they don't know where it comes from.

### **Case in point, Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz writes:**

There are four options to where Human rights and worth could come from, i.e. moral order.

1. *God created human beings and therefore human life and persons are sacred because they have been made in the image of God.*

2. *We discover value by looking out into nature; however nature is a cruel task master, the strong eat the weak. We say we value the individual supremely, nature values the individual not a wit. So it can't have come from evolution.*

3. *We form human rights ourselves; morality is of our own construct. Genocide is only wrong if we say it is. Therefore if 51% vote to take away the rights of the 49% and destroy them, nobody can say how dare you. Because you say genocide is only wrong because you say so. But human rights are there, they're discovered not created by humans.*

4. *They're just there, we don't know where they come from, and we don't know why they're there, they just are.*

**Paul then is saying, "Just as Jesus holds the cosmos together with his lordship, he'll hold you together with his lordship."**

## II. Christ; King of Your Life

*"We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, ..." Colossians 1:9-12*

**In order to get under his lordship, you have a process and It takes time to learn those things.**