

“I Am a Child of the King!”

John 1.12; Romans 8.16-17; 2 Timothy 2.12

You hear it in dozens of Christian songs: ‘I’m a child of the King!’ But what does that mean? Who is ‘the King’? Whose child am I? Am I now in the kingdom? Is there a kingdom that is coming? What does all this mean for *who I am*, and who I can *become*?

- Who is the King? God the Father? God the Son (Jesus)? Both!
God the Father – 1 Chron. 29.12; Ps. 103.19; 1 Tim. 6.15-16

God the Son (Christ) – Dan. 7.13-14; Rev. 11.15; 17.14; 19.16

- What kingdom am I in now? What kingdom is coming?
I am God’s child and in His kingdom – John 1.12; 1 Tim. 1.17

I will be in Christ’s coming kingdom – Rev. 5.9b-10

- Heirs of God and Co-Heirs with Christ (Rom. 8.16-17)
Heirs of God – those who believe in Christ (Gal. 3.26)

Co-Heirs with Christ – those who suffer with Christ (2 Tim. 2.12)

My prayer: “Lord, You are the King of kings, and I am your child. Help me to recognize the wonder of who I am, and to live my life now with the coming kingdom of Christ in view.”



1. When you think of the statement, “I am a child of the King,” what comes to your mind? Power? Privilege? Victory? These and other ideas may occur, based on how we envision royalty here on earth, or prophetic snippets from Scripture. How does it affect the way you think about who you are? Why might it change the way you act?
2. To get our bearings, it’s important to remember that God the Father is not God the Son. God is revealed in Scripture as one in essence, but three Persons, a Trinity. Each Person of the Trinity has a unique role in creation and in salvation history. How would you portray their different roles? Why is this important? What does it suggest about us as created in His image?
3. God the Father is the King! How do these passages of Scripture describe God as king, and His kingdom? 1 Chronicles 29.12; Psalm 47.2; 103.19; 115.3; Daniel 4.3; 1 Tim. 6.15-16. God the Son (Jesus) is also king! How do these passages describe Christ as king, and His kingdom? Daniel 7.13-14; 1 Corinthians 15.20-28; Revelation 11.15; 17.14; 19.16; 20.1-6. Do the kingdoms ‘overlap’? If so, how? Are they distinct? If so, how?
4. Scripture is clear that all who believe in Jesus are “children of God” (see John 1.12; Gal. 3.26). Sometimes we confuse or combine the Persons of the Trinity, and think of ourselves as “children of Jesus.” What is our “relationship” with the Lord Jesus? (Matt. 25.40; Mark 3.34-35; John 20.17; Hebrews 2.11-12)
5. Some theologians characterize the kingdom of God as “already-but-not-yet.” In what way are believers *already* in the kingdom? In what way are believers *awaiting* the coming kingdom? See Romans 8.16-17a; 1 Cor. 15.22-23; Rev. 1.5b-6; 5.9b-10.
6. Children of kings don’t always act royally, and children of the King of kings don’t either! Does it matter? What do the following verses suggest? Matthew 19.28; Luke 22.28-30; Romans 8.16-17; 2 Timothy 2.12; James 1.12; 2.5; Revelation 17.14.