

I Am a Child of the King

What does it mean to be a child of the King?

Maybe the first question should be, do I deserve to be a child of the King?

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death;

1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

I am a sinner so all I deserve is death.

Can I atone for my sin?

You cannot atone for your past sins; you cannot change your heart and make yourself holy.
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The law claims from man entire obedience through the whole period of his life. Hence it is impossible for him by future obedience to atone for even one sin. And without the grace of Christ to renew the heart, we cannot render obedience to the law of God. Our hearts are by nature evil, and how, then, can they bring forth that which is good? "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one." Job 14:4. All that man can do without Christ is polluted with selfishness and sin. Therefore he who is trying to reach heaven by his own works in keeping the law, is attempting an impossibility. True, man cannot be saved in disobedience, but his works should not be of himself. Christ must work in him to will and to do of his own good pleasure. If man could save himself by his own works, he might have something in himself in which to rejoice. But it is only through the grace of Christ that we can receive power to perform a righteous act.

Many err in thinking that repentance is of such value as to atone for sin, but this cannot be. Repentance can in no sense be accepted as atonement. And, furthermore, even repentance cannot possibly be exercised without the influence of the Spirit of God. Grace must be imparted, the atoning sacrifice must avail for man before he can repent. General Conference Bulletin 1895-03-05

How does God treat His Child that "messes up"?

Luke 15:11-24 And he said, A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

When we come back to God, acknowledging that we have "messed up," God accepts us just as we are even though we are still a long way off. He cleans us up, He puts us back into full son-ship and He takes care of all our needs as if we had never done anything wrong.

John 8:3-11 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the

woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

Here is another example of how God treats the sinner who comes to God having sinned and is sorry for their sin. He accepts them just as they are, He doesn't condemn them, He doesn't even question their sincerity. He forgives them and only requests that they sin no more.

What is it then that makes me a child of the King?

1. **God created me.** John 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
2. **Jesus died for me.** Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
3. **God bought me.** 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.
4. **I am an heir.** Romans 8:16, 17 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; . . . Galatians 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. James 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

I am a child of the King, not because I did or can do anything to deserve it, but because of what God has done.

So, what does it mean to be a Child of the King?

God forgives our sin.

Jeremiah 31:34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

God the Father loves us.

John 16:26, 27 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

God will heal our land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Joel 2:25, 26 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

God gives us what we ask for.

Matthew 7:7-11 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

God will take care of our needs.

Matthew 6:25-34 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we

drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Matthew 6:8-13 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

In humility, we can come to God boldly, with confidence.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 10:35-39 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

1 John 3:21, 22 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

1 John 5:14, 15 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

We can ask for whatever we need according to His will.

Matthew 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

John 14:13, 14 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

John 16:23 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

James 1:5-8 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

I don't Deserve anything, but as a Child of the King, I have the Right to everything.

The question is not whether God can or will take care of me, the question is "Do I Believe It?"

Little Faith searches frantically here and there for answers to life's problems and finally in desperation turns to God for the solution.

When Great Faith meets a problem it immediately turns to God as naturally as a flower turns to the sun.

God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. And even faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains. God has all the power and resources of the universe at His command. So our problem is not a lack of faith, it is a lack of belief that God will do what He has said He will do.

I saw that those who have an evil heart of unbelief will doubt and will think it noble and a virtue to doubt the word of God. Those who think it a virtue to quibble can have plenty of room to disbelieve the inspiration and truth of God's word. God does not compel any to believe. They can choose to rely upon the evidences He has been pleased to give, or doubt, and cavil, and perish.
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Matthew 18:2-4 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

If we come in humility to God our Father, acknowledging that we deserve nothing, but believing that we are His child because of what He has done, He will take care of us just as a loving earthly parent takes care of his child. God wants to prosper us and make us happy. Deuteronomy 29:9 Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.

Are You a Child of the King?

If you haven't claimed your inheritance, what is yours by right, why don't you do it right now?

Pray: God I choose to give You my all, my sin, my guilt, my pride, my self-sufficiency, my unbelief. I ask You to take me, cleanse me from all unrighteousness, and give me a new heart, new desires, new thoughts, new feelings, that are in tune with Your heart. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit. I choose to give You control of my life for all time. I thank You for cleansing me of all my sin, giving me a new heart, taking control of my life and accepting me as Your child, a Child of the King! Amen.

Now the question arises, If we are Children of the King, then why do we go through so many trials?

This world was given over to Satan when Adam and Eve sinned. There has been a controversy going on here between good and evil ever since. Some call it the Great Controversy. Satan has made accusations against God and the majority of people on this earth have believed them. We're born with sinful natures, an automatic desire to be selfish and do what is wrong. God has given each one of us the power of choice, and because of this we can choose to do God's will or our own will (Satan's will).

Even though we may have given ourselves to God and have chosen to do His will, this doesn't mean that we are now perfect and no longer have any defects. God accounts us as perfect but in actual fact there are still areas in our lives that we may be unaware of that are far from perfect. Jeremiah 17:9 says: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" There are bad habits, cultivated and hereditary, that need to be cleaned up. God is very aware of them and He can't allow us into heaven as long as they are there so He brings trials and tribulations into our lives to reveal them to us so we can surrender them to Him. Zechariah 13:9 says: "And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God." When Jesus was here on earth, even though He was perfect, he also learned obedience through suffering. We can't expect of get away scott free in this sinful imperfect world.

So even though we are Children of the King, we live in a sinful world and still have things in our lives that need to be removed. Because of this, at times we will suffer along with the rest of mankind. At the same time, we can have confidence that it will end and we will then live in a perfect world in a perfect universe and all the results of sin will be gone. Because of this we can say along with Paul "we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: We can know that God is there right beside us taking care of us even in the blackest times of our lives.

God Bless,

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