

KINGS AND PRIESTS

“Unto Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and the Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”
(Revelation 1:5b-6))

The apostle Peter spoke of Christians as “a royal priesthood” (1 Peter 2:9).

We do not often think of Christians as kings and priests, but the Bible declares we are. As kings we serve under Him who is the “king of kings,” Jesus Christ (Revelation 17:14). The church is to declare His authoritative message to the world. As priests, we are to be intercessors for others. A priest has been defined as one “in charge of the things of God.” Christians, as priests of God, are guardians of the things of God. In the Old Testament, special priests were appointed to serve in the tabernacle and temple. In the New Testament era, all Christians are priests, serving within the church, offering up spiritual sacrifices through Christ our High Priest (Romans 12:1; Hebrews 13:15-16).

As priestly guardians of the things of God, we must also guard the standard of God as set forth in the word of God. We are urged to “*contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints*” (Jude 3, NKJV). We cannot stand idly by while the world cares more about what is politically correct than what is Biblically correct.

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