

Position and expulsion from the KINGDOM –

1. Redefine your place? Where do you belong?

Domain – a defined land space, boundary, area owned and governed by someone

The King protects and provides...

Subject – under rule, control or jurisdiction and protection of a king. A dependent, obligated to obey

Citizen – by birthright in a nation, granted rights (and responsibilities) of the community

Son – offspring, descendent, having the likeness and attributes of parent

Heir - legally entitled to the property or rank passed down

I no longer call you servants but friends - John 15:15

No longer slaves but sons – Gal 4:7 –

So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Rom 8:17 - and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if so it be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.

Expulsion – excommunication, banished, forbidden to participate.

removal or banning from one's presence –

Matt 8:12 - I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

If you live under the rule of a king or queen, you are called a subject. Being the subject of a kingdom has two aspects associated with it:

You are an heir to all of the benefits that kingdom has to offer. Just like if you are a citizen of the United States, you are a recipient of every right given to us in the Constitution, a citizen of heaven is given every right God affords them. We have been freed from the debt of sin (Romans 6:6-7). We have been given eternal life (John 5:24). We have been given “every spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3).

You have the responsibility of acting like a citizen of that kingdom. Of course, you have the option of going off on your own, of living your own way, of abandoning the Kingdom’s rules—but in doing so, you’ll be missing out on the abundant life promised to you by the King.

At the end of the day, living as a subject of the Kingdom of Heaven boils down to one essential question: “Who is your master?”

We can only be Servant to One Master, One Kingdom.