

## TEMPTATION 3 – FROM ROYALTY TO SLAVERY AND BACK AGAIN

Introduction – Countless stories are told of the prince or princess who does not know their true identity. They are living as a commoner or servant of a harsh task master. The stories tell how they discover their true identity and recover it. This is your story and mine according to the Bible.

Genesis 1:26-27

### A. The Reign of Sin and Death

Romans 7:14-24

1. God's will for us as expressed in His law is spiritual and good.
2. At our best when we delight in God's law deep inside us, there is still a war going on that we are losing.
3. The Greek word translated "I" is ego.
4. I cannot consistently do what I want to do, instead I do what I hate.
5. We have been captured and enslaved by a powerful evil force called "Sin."
6. I am a tormented soul who needs to be rescued and restored to image of God, Royalty.

### B. Restoration of Our reign and the overthrow of the Reign of Death

Romans 5:17

1. The reign of Death began with the fall of the one man Adam.
2. God's abundant provision of grace is the gift of righteousness, which restores our reign in life through one man, Jesus Christ!

Romans 8:1-4

3. There is no condemnation for everyone who is incorporated into Christ our King.
4. We have been set free from slavery to the principle of sin and death by the sin offering of Christ.
5. Now the righteous requirements of the law are fully met by the empowering work of the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion – We are tempted to not recognize our slavery to Sin or believe the message of the Gospel that God wants to rescue and restore our original identity through Christ.

Colossians 3:9-10