



BASINGSTOKE SALVATION ARMY

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Our role is to express love and care towards the world.

We let down the royal image

Our sin clouds our sense of identity. It strips us of our royalty. We don't know who we really are any more. Our hope is in Christ. He breaks onto scene in the New Testament not as a human being *made* in the image of God, but a human who *is* the image of God:

Colossians 1:15 NLT

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation.

In his death and resurrection, he frees us from the slavery of sin and death to be royalty once more, living out the royal vocation as servant kings and queens.

John 1:12-13 NLT

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

Jesus became like us so we could become like him.

You were made to be the spitting image of God

You are royalty. Why not tell someone else that this week.

Song – Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart!

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart!
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my armour and be thou my might;
Be my soul's shelter and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power!

5 High King of Heaven, thou Heaven's bright Sun,
Grant me its joys after victory is won!
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all!

2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou my inheritance now and always;
Thou and thou only the first in my heart;
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art!

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Benediction: Ephesians 3:16-19 (NLT)

¹⁶I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. ¹⁷Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. ¹⁸And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. ¹⁹May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

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You Are Royalty

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Song – I believe that God the Father

I believe that God the Father
Can be seen in God the Son,
In the gentleness of Jesus
Love for all the world is shown.
Though men crucify their Saviour,
And his tenderness rebuff,
God is love, the cross is saying,
Calvary is proof enough.

3 In a world of shifting values,
There are standards that remain,
I believe that holy living
By God's grace we may attain.
All would hear the Holy Spirit
If they listen to his voice,
Every Christian may be Christlike
And in liberty rejoice.

John Gowans (1934-2012)

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Pause to Pray

Song – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of
creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and
salvation;
All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.

3 Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their
warfare are waging,
Who, when the elements madly around thee are
raging,
Biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace,
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

2 I believe in transformation,
God can change the hearts of men,
And refine the evil nature
Till it glows with grace again.
Others may reject the weakling,
I believe he can be strong,
To the family of Jesus
All God's children may belong.

4 All the promises of Jesus
Are unchanged in every way,
In my yesterdays I proved them,
I believe them for today.
Still God gives his willing servant
Full equipment for the task;
Power is found by those who seek it,
Grace is given to those who ask.

2 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work
and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend
thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
He who with love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is
abounding,
Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue
confounding,
Sheddeth his light, chaseth the horrors of night,
Saints with his mercy surrounding.

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5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
 Let the amen sound from his people again:
 Gladly for aye we adore him.

Joachim Neander (1650–1680), trs Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878) and others

Bible Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4 (New Living Translation)

The Account of Creation

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.^[a] 2 The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day" and the darkness "night." And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day. 6 Then God said, "Let there be a space between the waters, to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters of the earth." 7 And that is what happened. God made this space to separate the waters of the earth from the waters of the heavens. 8 God called the space "sky." And evening passed and morning came, marking the second day. 9 Then God said, "Let the waters beneath the sky flow together into one place, so dry ground may appear." And that is what happened. 10 God called the dry ground "land" and the waters "seas." And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the land sprout with vegetation—every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. These seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came." And that is what happened. 12 The land produced vegetation—all sorts of seed-bearing plants, and trees with seed-bearing fruit. Their seeds produced plants and trees of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 And evening passed and morning came, marking the third day. 14 Then God said, "Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years. 15 Let these lights in the sky shine down on the earth." And that is what happened. 16 God made two great lights—the larger one to govern the day, and the smaller one to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17 God set these lights in the sky to light the earth, 18 to govern the day and night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And evening passed and morning came, marking the fourth day. 20 Then God said, "Let the waters swarm with fish and other life. Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind." 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that scurries and swarms in the water, and every sort of bird—each producing offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 Then God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply. Let the fish fill the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth." 23 And evening passed and morning came, marking the fifth day. 24 Then God said, "Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals." And that is what happened. 25 God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. 26 Then God said, "Let us make human beings^[b] in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth,^[c] and the small animals that scurry along the ground." 27 So God created human beings^[d] in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

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29 Then God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. 30 And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life." And that is what happened. 31 Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day. 2 So the creation of the heavens and the earth and everything in them was completed. 2 On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested^[e] from all his work. 3 And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation. 4 This is the account of the creation of the heavens and the earth.

Song – There are hundreds of sparrows, thousands, millions

There are hundreds of sparrows, thousands, millions,
 They're two a penny, far too many there must be;
 There are hundreds and thousands, millions of sparrows,
 But God knows every one and God knows me.

2 There are hundreds of flowers, thousands, millions,
 And flowers fair the meadows wear for all to see;
 There are hundreds and thousands, millions of flowers,
 But God knows every one and God knows me.

3 There are hundreds of planets, thousands, millions,
 Way out in space each has a place by God's decree;
 There are hundreds and thousands, millions of planets,
 But God knows every one and God knows me.

4 There are hundreds of children, thousands, millions,
 And yet their names are written on God's memory;
 There are hundreds and thousands, millions of children,
 But God knows every one and God knows me.

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Bible Message: You Are Royalty

Do you know you're part of the royal family?

If you're of European ancestry, then apparently there's a good chance you are actually related to royalty.

We are all royalty, with a royal vocation

A baby girl or boy is the apex of God's creation. But what is even more wondrous is that the baby girl or boy, and you and I are created in the image of God:

Genesis 1:26–27 NLT

Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground." So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

You are royalty, because God has given you that privilege:

Psalms 8:5 NLT

Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honour.

Our calling is rule over the earth as members of God's royal family:

Psalms 8:6 NLT

You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority—

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