



Theme Scripture

Matthew 16:18-19

18 And **I** also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.



I will build My Church  
The Church  
our Lord Jesus  
builds



## Introduction

The Church began  
at Pentecost.

The Church age  
is 2000 years.

The Church age will end  
at the Rapture.



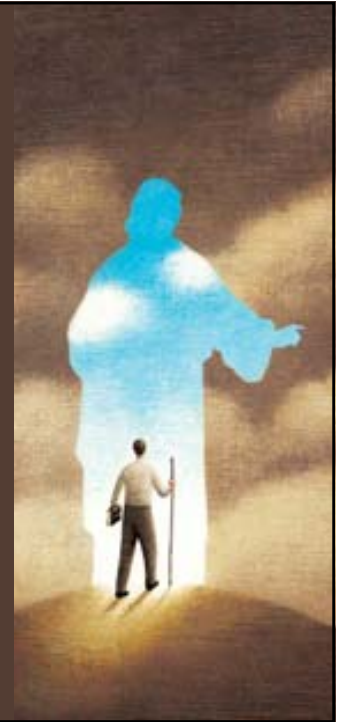
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The Church, the Lord Jesus builds  
comprise disciples who are  
learners and followers of Him.

I. Such disciples live the Christ-life.

**Romans 8:29** For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

**WHY?**



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**Colossians 1:18** And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence.

**HOW?**



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1. Deny our self-life.

A. Our self-life is also known as our flesh, our old man, our carnality, our sinful-nature, being worldly, etc.



**1 Corinthians 3:1-5** And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal [fleshly]. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?



1. Deny our self-life.

B. 95% of problems and conflicts are due to our decisions and responses from our carnal-flesh.

Jealousy and Envy	Self-pity	Argumentative
Our Insecurity	Our Low Self-image	Critical Spirit
Our Strong-minds	Our Forceful Wills	Boasting in our Flesh
Arm of Flesh to "steady the Ark"		
Constantly Comparing and being Competitive		



1. Deny our self-life.

C. Why the flesh-sin-nature in us must die?

(1) This is because the flesh is hostile to God and cannot please God  
(Romans 8:7-8).

(2) The flesh profits nothing  
(John 6:63).



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C. Why the flesh-sin-nature in us must die?

(3) The sin nature is corrupt and cannot be transformed.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.



1. Deny our self-life.

D. To deny our self-life means not to decide and respond from our sinful nature, but from the Christ-life in us.

Romans 6:11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin (*sinful nature*) but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.





1. Deny our self-life.

E. We live this Christ-life by faith in God.

**Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by **faith** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

2 Corinthians 5:7

Hebrews 11:6



2. Take up our own cross daily.

A. The cross means crucifixion and death to our self-life.

B. Our cross is not the cross of Christ.

C. Our cross is not our sister's or brother's cross.

D. Our cross is unique and a personal one.



2. Take up our own cross daily.

E. The instruments of our cross are:

- i. The people that cross our paths.
- ii. The circumstances that we are in; that invokes the sin-nature in us which must be crucified and dead.



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F. The life of Christ is increased (*manifested*) to the extent the I - ME - MYSELF is decreased.

Each time I fail to take up my cross is the time I:

Lose my temper

Fall into sin

Fight

Quarrel

Lust

Get impatient

Get Offended

Get angry

Overly stressed

Be envious

Become fearful

On Performance Treadmill

Gossip

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3. Follow Me.

Means we bring all our plans, thoughts, decisions and responses:

- A. Under the authority of the Word
  - be filled with the Word.
- B. Under the leading of the Holy Spirit
  - be filled with the Holy Spirit.

To follow Christ is to live in total dependence on Him.



II. Such disciples continually **grow**:

**Ephesians 4:13** till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ ...

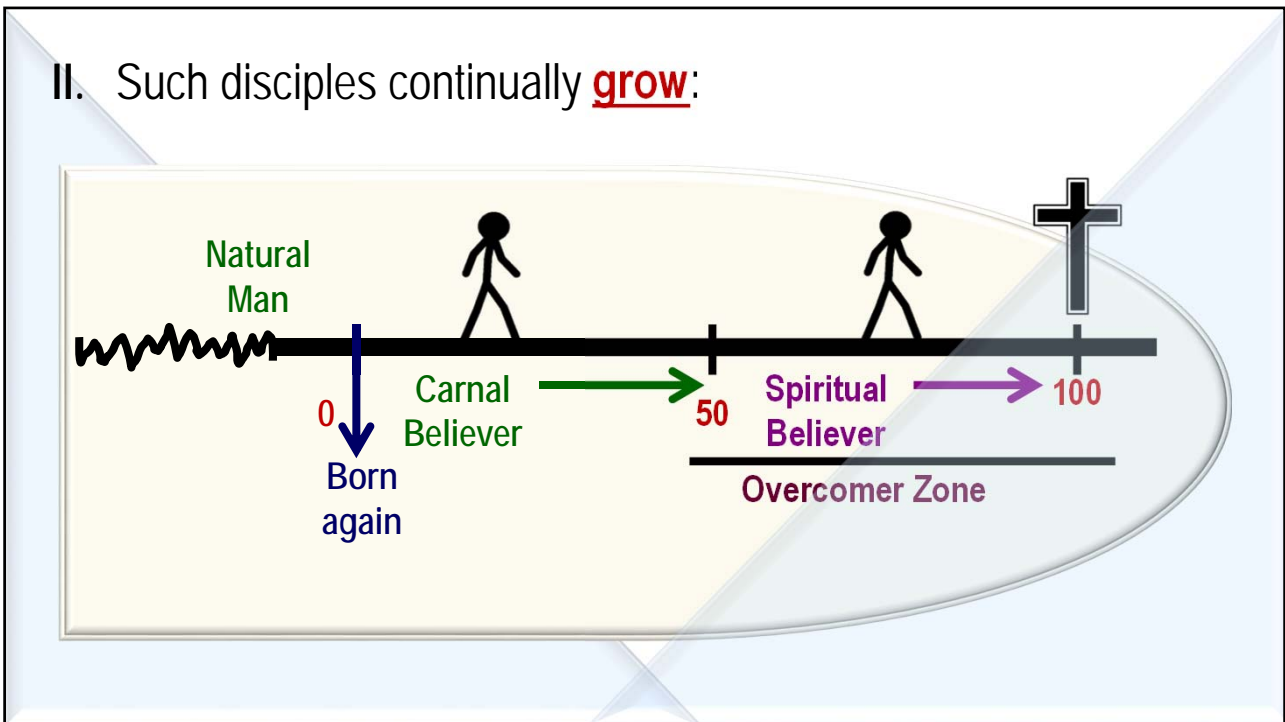
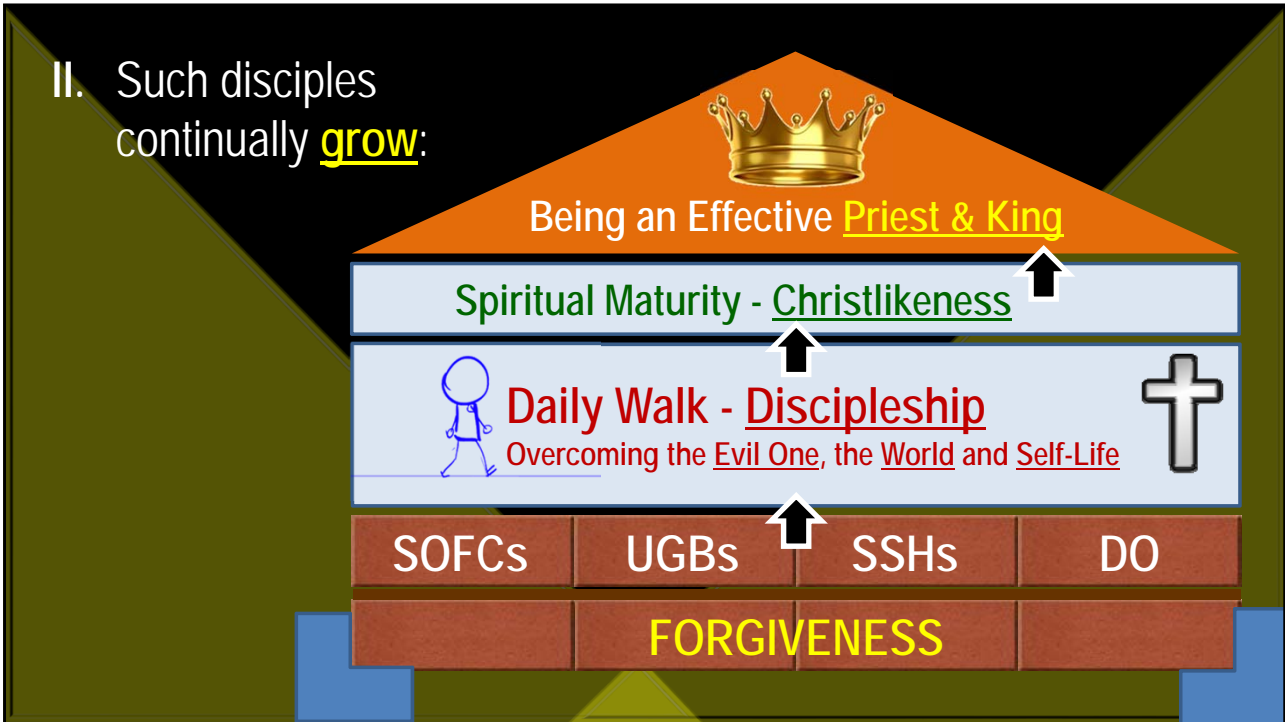


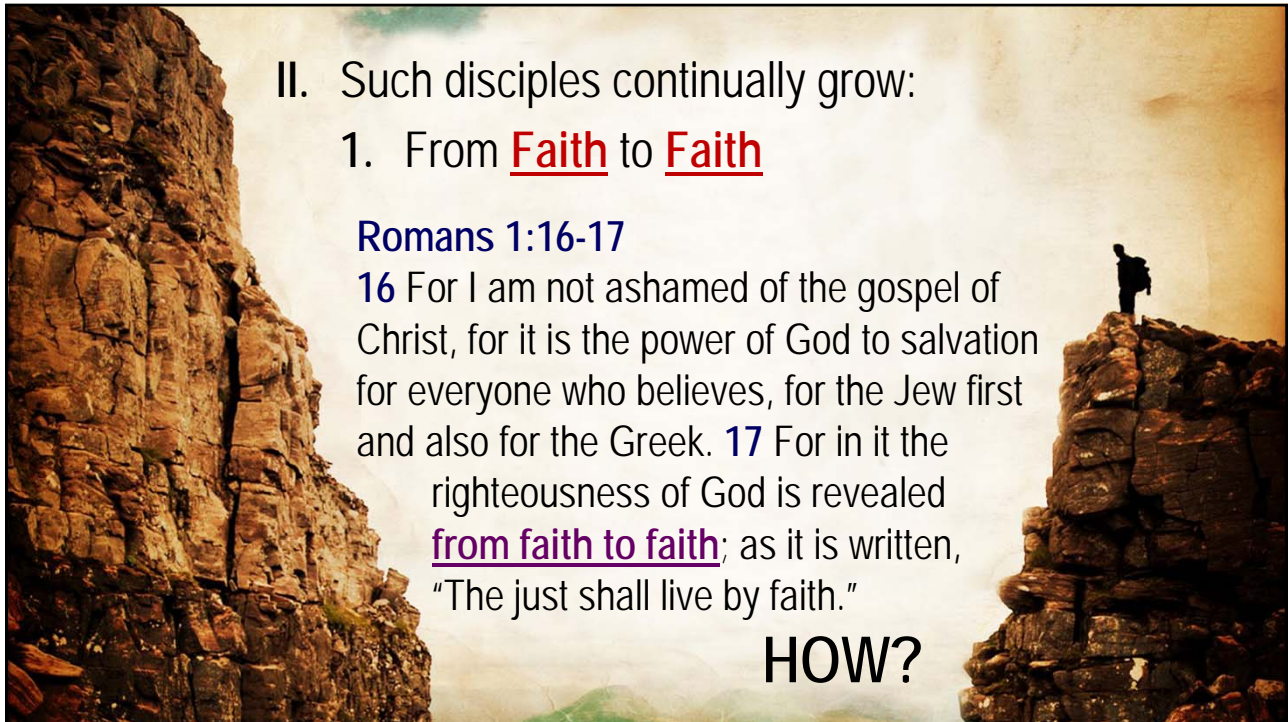
II. Such disciples continually **grow**:

**Ephesians 5:26-27**

**26** that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,  
**27** that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.







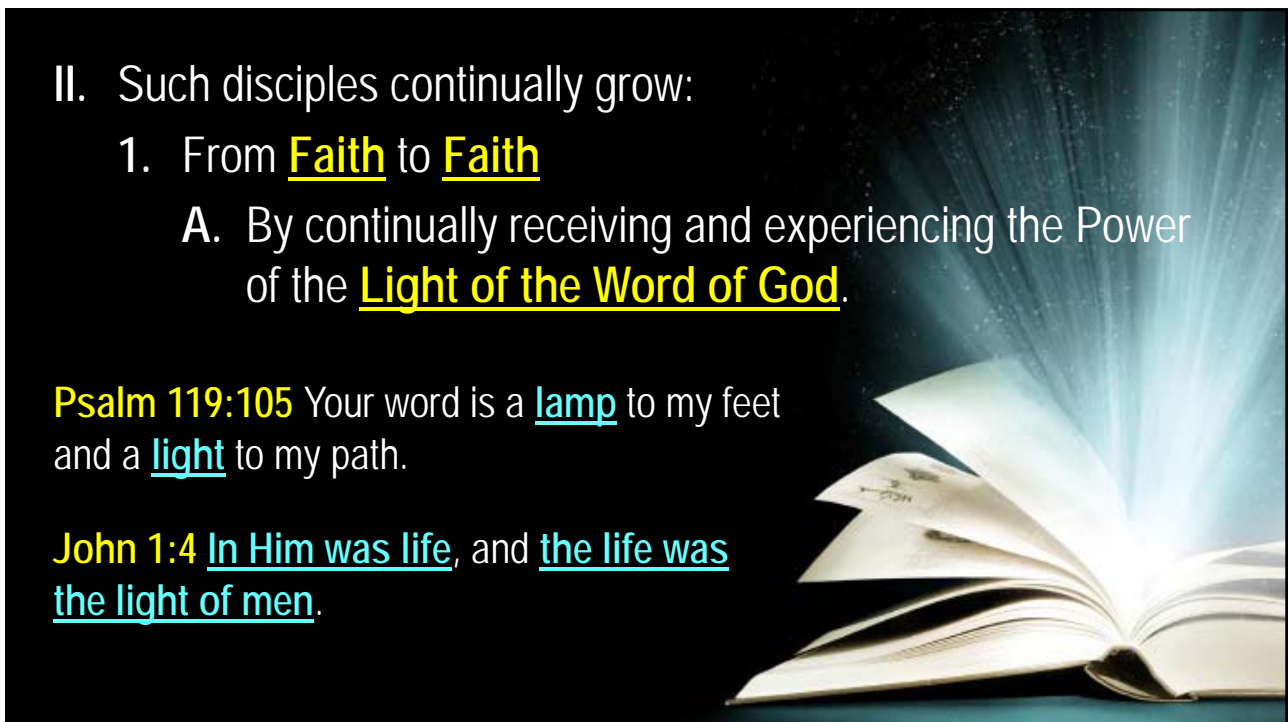
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**Romans 1:16-17**

**16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. **17** For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

**HOW?**



II. Such disciples continually grow:

1. From Faith to Faith
  - A. By continually receiving and experiencing the Power of the Light of the Word of God.

**Psalm 119:105** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**John 1:4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

II. Such disciples continually grow:

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B. The Light of the Word of God gives revelation and produces faith.

**Romans 10:17** So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**HOW?**



B. The Light of the Word of God gives revelation and produces faith.

i. Develop Biblical Worldviews of Truth.

**Psalm 119:160** The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.



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ii. Live the Truth to build Faith Convictions.

**1 Peter 2:2-3**

**2** as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, **3** if indeed you have tasted - experienced that the Lord is gracious.



When we continually stand on the Word and experience God coming through for us, we grow Faith Convictions!

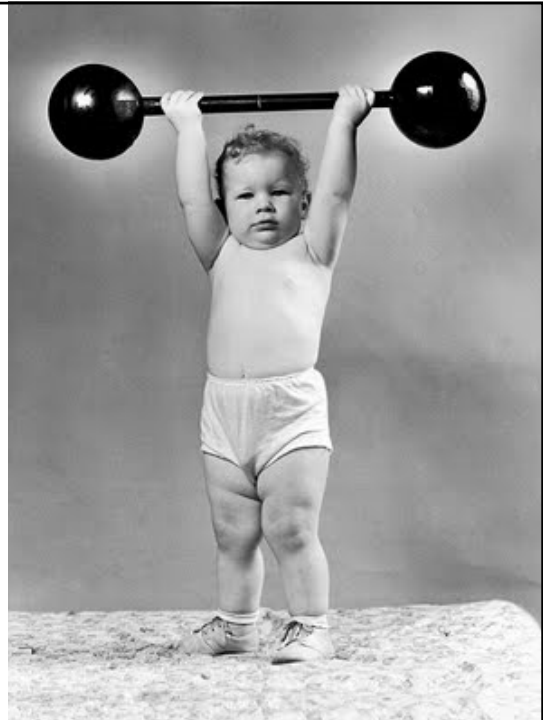
	FACTS	LIVING IN TRUTH
e.g. #1	Struggling with <u>needs</u>	Knowing and experiencing God as <u>Provider</u> .
e.g. #2	Struggling in <u>sickness</u>	Knowing and experiencing God as <u>Healer</u> .
e.g. #3	Concern with <u>dangers</u> to life	Knowing and experience God as <u>Protector</u> .
e.g. #4	Experiencing <u>Stress, Anxieties and Fears</u> (SAF)	Knowing the <u>Peace</u> of God that guard and rule our hearts.



- II. Such disciples continually grow:  
 2. From Strength to Strength

Psalm 84:7 They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

HOW?



- II. Such disciples continually grow:  
 2. From Strength to Strength  
 By continually receiving  
 and experiencing the  
 Power of the Love of  
 the Father-God.





### Ephesians 3:17-20

17 .. that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 ...width and length and depth and height—

19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge;  
that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly  
abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to  
the power that works in us ...

II. Such disciples continually grow:

3. From Glory to Glory

**2 Corinthians 3:18** But we all, with unveiled face,  
beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are  
being transformed into the same image from glory  
to glory, just as by the Spirit of  
the Lord.

# HOW?

II. Such disciples continually grow:

3. From Glory to Glory

By continually receiving and experiencing  
the Power of the Life of the Spirit of God.

**John 6:63** It is the Spirit who gives life;  
the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak  
to you are spirit, and they are life.



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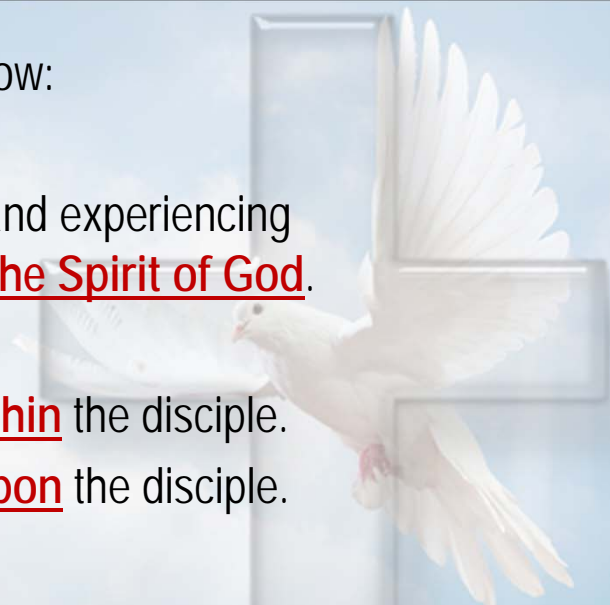
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We must know:

A. The Anointing In / Within the disciple.

B. The Anointing On / Upon the disciple.



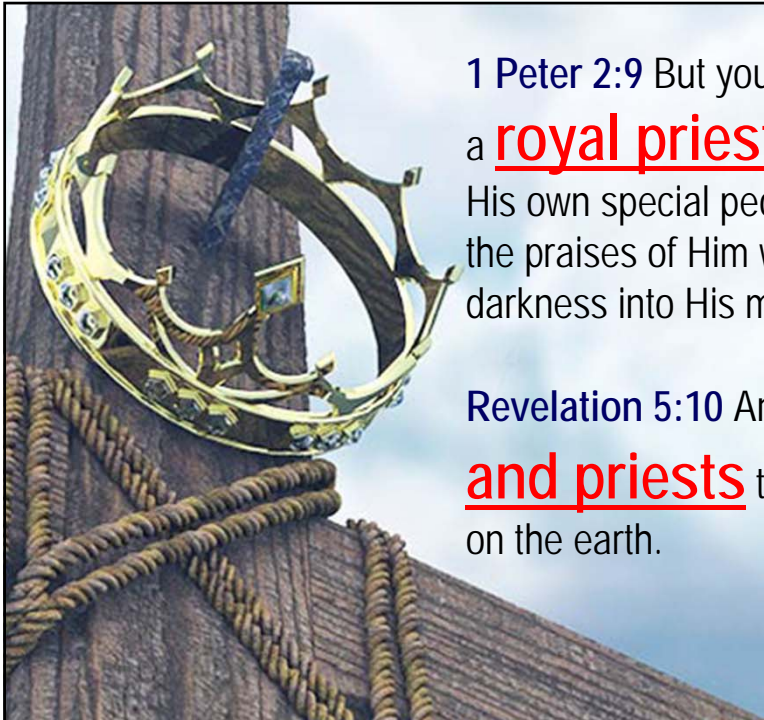
## Know the full counsel of God:

Presence of God	Power of God
Goodness of God	Severity of God (Romans 11:22)
Word	Spirit (Matthew 22:29)
Prophets	Apostles (Ephesians 2:20)
Blessed	Be a Blessing
Priests of God	Kings of God



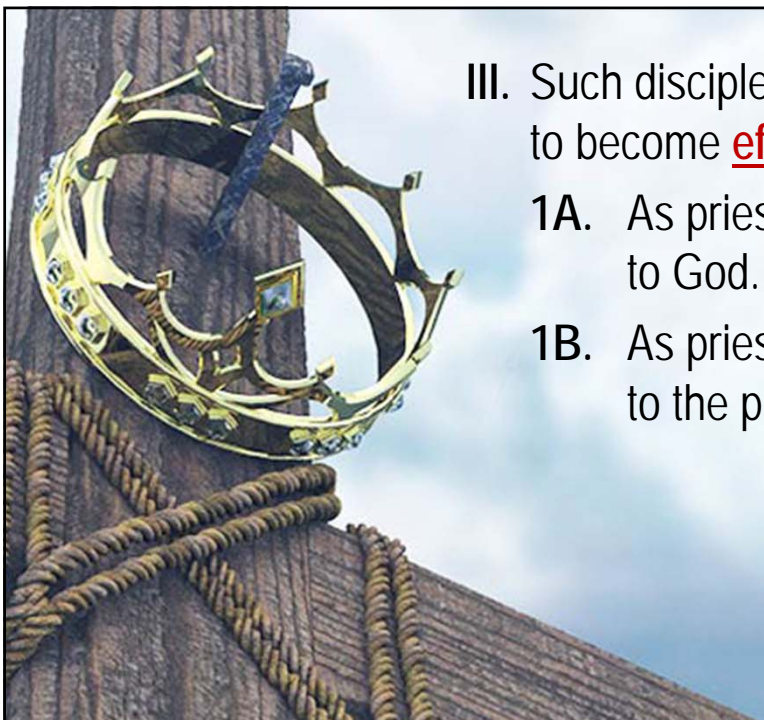
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**Revelation 1:5-6**  
**5** and from **Jesus Christ**, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and **the ruler over the kings of the earth**. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, **6** and has **made us kings and priests** to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.



1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light ...

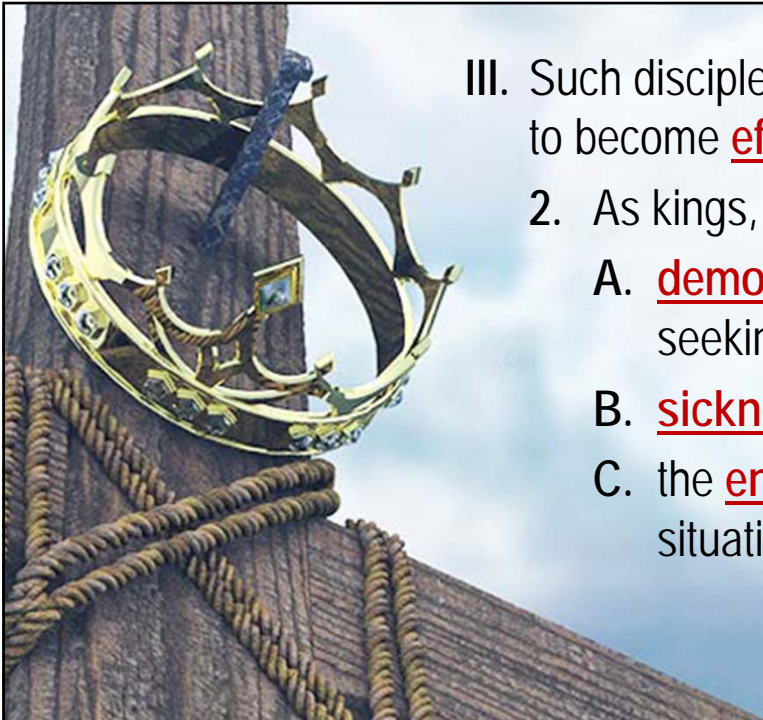
Revelation 5:10 And have made us **kings and priests** to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.



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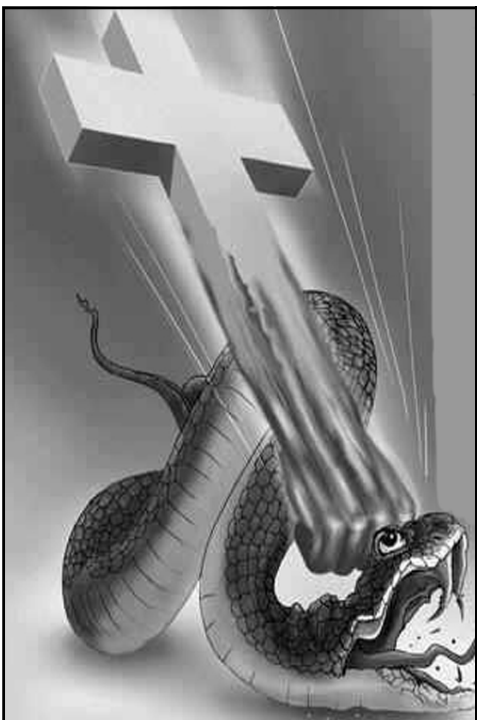
1A. As priests, we bring **people** to God.

1B. As priests, we bring **God** to the people.




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2. As kings, we take authority over:
  - A. demons operating in people seeking ministry.
  - B. sickness & diseases.
  - C. the environment of our situations.



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**Luke 10:19** Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.



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Acts 26:18 to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.



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**Matthew 16:18** ... and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.



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**Revelation 1:18** I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.

And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

**Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

### 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.





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**1 Corinthians 4:20**  
For the kingdom of God is  
not in word  
but in power.



Bottom Line:

Revelation 19:7-8 (NIV)

7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. 8 Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.)



Bottom Line:



**Will YOU commit to be a part of the  
Church our Lord Jesus builds?**