**Notes on Pastor’s Message to Bible/College Class Prize Giving 2022 11 13**

**Bible Reading 1 Timothy 6v11-17**

**The Kingdom of Christ**

Reference was made to Queen Elizabeth II who died recently.

She had reigned for 70 years.

Immediately her son, Charles, was acknowledged as King Charles III.

He was 73 when he became King and will be crowned next year.

We read in verse 15 of our passage of the Lord Jesus Christ as The Potentate, The Lord of Lords and the King of Kings.

The Lord Jesus Christ is different. He is the everlasting King.

Queen Elizabeth reigned 70 years.

LJC is Everlasting King because He is God. He is King over Heaven. The angels worship Him.

He also has a Kingdom on earth.

To enter King Charles’ Kingdom, you need a passport and possibly a visa.

To get entry into the Kingdom of Christ you need to show this passport - faith in Christ the King and a repentant heart, with sincere sorrow for your sin.

**Is Christ your King?**

**Some Kings are bad, and** **some are good.**

**Christ is a wonderful and perfect King. A Good King.**

He is fully trustworthy. He does not lie. He leads His subjects well.

Queen Elizabeth II did not know everyone and only a few knew her in a personal way.

**But Christ knows all His subjects, and all His subjects know Him.**

If you wanted to speak to King Charles, you would have great difficulty and try to make contact. You may telephone or email a Palace contact but they would put a barrier in your way.

You may appear outside Buckingham Palace but there is no way to contact the King.

**But we can all approach the Lord Jesus Christ, The King of Kings, in prayer.**

The King of Kings has made it possible for us to speak directly to Him at any time of the day or night. He invites and encourages us to do so.

Some Kings have taken the throne by force. We call these usurpers. It is not rightly theirs.

**But we can be a usurper of our own life.**

**We say, ‘I want to be the king of my own life.’**

We must remember that the Lord gave us our soul, our breath, our life.

**As our Creator He us our rightful King.**

So, we must bow and worship Him, and only Him.

As citizens of King Charles, we are expected to keep the Kings Law.

If we break it we are guilty and will be sent to prison.

Yet Christ, as the loving Saviour, has offered Himself to die for His People to allow us to go free. To be pardoned.

**How amazing!**

Can you imagine King Charles offering to take your punishment for breaking his laws? He would suffer the punishment while you go free.

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Hebrews 11v10. Abraham, in faith, ‘looked for a city which had foundations, whose builder and maker is God’. God's City is Heaven.

At the end of time there will be only one city. Eternal Heaven.

**Will it be your City?**

We can only enter if we are citizens, holding the right ‘passport’, of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, The King of kings.

We can only be a citizen of Heaven by trusting in Christ's substitutionary death on the Cross.

**Did He die for you?**

Did He take the punishment for your sin upon Himself?

God will only punish sin once. Either, Christ took it for us, or we must face God’s final Judgement when we will have to take His eternal punishment ourselves.

In love, God has warned us.

Every time we hear the Gospel, we hear His call to repent and believe.

**Have you repented?**

**Read Psalm 51 to see King David’s sincere repentance.**

Do you have complete faith in Him as your Saviour?

**Come to Him in sincere repentance for your sin and trust in the Saviour by faith today.**