

Real life flows from the throne of our King.

How Jesus came to be King:

Creation/Creator...Covenant/Messiah...Birth in Bethlehem...Kingdom has come...Crucifixion as enthronement...Resurrection/King over death...Ascension/King of life...Return/King of New Creation.

Colossians 3.1-4 – Calls us to live like Jesus is King

Col 3.1 *Christ sits in the place honor at God's right hand* – Jesus is King!

>> Jesus at *right hand of God* means *Jesus is God's victory*.

>> Jesus *sitting* means he's *reigning, ruling, & applying his victory* to our broken world.

Five ways we're called to live like Jesus is King:

1/ Live raised – 3.1 *Since you've been raised to new life with Christ*

- Eph 2.6 – *We are raised with Christ...and we are seated with him in heaven...*

2/ Live with locked-in loyalty – 3.1 *Set your sights on the realities of heaven*

3/ Live Kingdom-minded – 3.1 *Think about the things of heaven...not things of earth*

- **Hebrews 4.16** helps us live Kingdom-minded: *So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive mercy and will find grace to help when we need it most.*
>> Start with a burden... Resist earthly mindset to carry it alone... Choose heavenly mindset response to approach the throne instead of going it alone... Experience heaven-on-earth from the mercy/grace of Jesus on the throne.
>> A Kingdom-mind spends significant time at the throne of the King.

4/ Live your life – instead of your death – 3.3 *For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God*

We have two options for our life: This life or real life...your life or your King's life

5/ Start now showing the world our King's glory to come – 3.4 *When Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory*