

REIGNING IN LIFE

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Romans 5:17 *"For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ."*

Any reasonable reading of this brilliant verse drives us to claim it for the here and now. Do not postpone the fulfillment of this promise over yourself! Gems here are taken for the "ready/now" believer who wishes to take God at His Word and benefit from the privilege offered during our earthly life of reigning through our lord Jesus Christ.

One might ask: "how can these things be?" This blessed life of triumph is only attainable to those born from above. Naturally, we were birthed into the first Adam, who was "a living soul." However, we, in turn, must be born from above. That would be, into the second Adam, who becomes to all who trust in Him a Life-giving spirit, and mentioned in **1Co 15:45**, "**And so**

it is written, "THE FIRST MAN ADAM BECAME A LIVING BEING." The last Adam *became a life-giving spirit*." That which is born of the flesh is flesh (John 3:6) and cannot on its own advance into the Spirit; the Holy Spirit stoops to lift it into an alliance with Himself. He will do this for you if you only raise your heart to The Lord in simple faith and submission.

Whatever happens in life, there is always an abundance of grace awaiting our use. God has planned each life, intending to train it for high service both now and beyond. If a throne represents power - we are girded with might by His Spirit in the inner man. If it represents victory - we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. If it means generosity - we always have sufficiency in everything and abound in every good work! And the outcome? A blessed life!

At His service,
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