



**Sunday August 16, 2020
Created to Reign**

INTRODUCTION

In every situation and circumstance we face in life we either reign over the situation or we surrender and ultimately the situation controls our lives. God created us reign in life and He did not intend for us to be ruled or reigned by anything or by anyone.

We often don't desire or think of ourselves as a king or a queen; but this is who we are. This is what the word of God says in

1 Peter 2:9: "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people..."

Revelation 1:6: "and [Jesus] has made us kings and priests to His God and Father..."

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

CREATED TO REIGN

From the very beginning, God created us to Reign on the earth.

Genesis 1:27, 28: "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him...28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

God gave a decree to Adam and Eve and also gave them what was necessary to subdue and to have dominion.

Genesis 1:27 says, God created man in His image. God gave mankind His identity and through this identity He was releasing His authority and extending His Kingdom on the earth through mankind.

Adam and Eve were deceived in the very area of their identity and purpose. Satan told Eve if you eat this fruit you will become like God. Eve fell for this because she failed to understand she was already created in the image of hence she was like God in certain aspects.

- God is holy and righteous; He created Adam and Eve holy and righteous.
- God is without sin; He created Adam and Eve without sin.



- God will never die; so He created Adam and Eve never to die.
- God gave man a mind; so He can know and understand what God speaks to Him.
- God gave man a heart; so He can respond to God in love and be faithful to Him.
- God gave man a will to choose whether or not to obey God.

THE LAST ADAM

The First Adam lost his identity and purpose. Because of the first Adam we forfeited our ability to subdue and have dominion over the earth. But the last Adam—Jesus Christ has succeeded in reigning in life.

Because Jesus succeeded in reigning in life,

- We are now able once more to achieve our original purpose to subdue and have domain.
- Jesus salvation accomplished in restoring our broken images.
- Those who have accepted His salvation have been restored to their original image and purpose and
- We've given the power and the authority to subdue our enemy and to reign in life.

How can we reign in life?

THREE KEYS TO REIGN IN LIFE

1, INTIMACY WITH GOD

The first key is to be intimate with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To spend quality time with God. When we spend time with God we'll speak, think, do, and act just like the Father would want us to.

When we spend time with God

- We need not be overcome by situations and problems but live as overcomers.
- We need not live in defeat but live victorious.
- We need not live as slaves but as masters of sickness, death and demons.

2, LIVE OUT OF OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

We need to know our GOD GIVEN identity so that we can live our life as God intended and fulfill our God given purpose and destiny. If not we'll live with a slave mentality or mindset—enslaved to fear and Satan.



We need to participate in what Jesus is saying about us. Jesus said I only say what my Father says. If you want to say what the Father is saying then start saying what the Father is saying about you in His Word.

3, TO FULFILL GOD'S PURPOSE FOR OUR LIVES

The purpose for which God created us is to reflect His image through the work we do so the world experiences His glory—Who God is and What He does.

Example 1: Daniel distinguished himself among the other administrators by his exceptional qualities and by being efficient in his work that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. It also made the God who He worshipped and served to be known, revered and feared among all the people in the King's province. The kings acknowledged the God of Daniel as the God above all gods and The Living God.

Example 2: Paul lived a very purpose driven life. His life was far from a life of ease, pleasure and comfort. In 2 Corinthians 11:23-33, Paul lists all his sufferings. Paul calls such suffering "light" and "momentary"!

Towards the end of his life Paul was able to say,

2 Timothy 4:7: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Fulfilling God's plan and purpose for our lives comes with its own set of challenges. What enables us to go forward? What enabled Daniel and Paul to successful fulfil God's purpose for their lives?

Firstly, they obeyed, submitted and surrendered to Christ reign over their lives.

Secondly, Christ co-reigned with them and the power of the Holy Spirit enabled them to help them fulfil God's purpose for their lives.

Thirdly, not only does Jesus co-reign with us but He has promised to the believer who overcomes they will rule in the millennium and eternal future.

Revelation 20:4-6: "And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years."



We will hear Jesus say **“Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things”** (Matthew 25:21). This is our glorious purpose.

CONCLUSION

In this difficult and challenging times Christ wants us to reign over every situation, problems, and challenges. To accomplish this He has given us:

- His identity
- Power and authority over the enemy as we seated with Him in Heavenly places.
- Everything we need for life and godliness.
- The weapon necessary for our warfare. The sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.
- Hope for the future reward when we will reign with Him.



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons. Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: *Genesis 1:27, 28; Matthew 4:1-11; John 4:34; 2 Corinthians 4:15; 2 Timothy 4:7; Revelation 20:4-6; Matthew 25:21*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1) *Can we reign through the different situations we face in life? How did Jesus reign in life? What are some ways by which God can cause us to reign in life—share personal stories or possible scenarios.*

2) *Review the three keys on how we can reign in life and discuss how we can apply them in our lives:*

1. *Intimacy with God*
2. *Live out our identity in Christ*



3. To fulfill God's purpose for our lives

3) Pray for each other that we will reign in life and finish the race marked out for us. Welcome the work of the Holy Spirit to cause this to happen.

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1. Families to be protected and strengthened.*
- 2. A mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3. For the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

CHURCH APP: <https://apcwo.org/app>

CHURCHES: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>

WORLD MISSIONS: <https://apcworldmissions.org>