

VI. Laws of Divine Establishment and the Royal Family Honor Code: Ambassadorship

Divine power is delegated to the believer to carry out these functions through the filling of the Holy Spirit within the environment of the divine power system.

These are the plenipotentiary privileges of our priesthood and ambassadorship.

We have the plenipotentiary power to worship God through the filling of the Holy Spirit manifest by the ability to grow in grace.

We have the plenipotentiary power to serve God through the filling of the Holy Spirit manifest by the courageous application of doctrine to experience.

From all of this we can develop a profile of the Royal Ambassador for Christ:

1. He does not appoint himself. We are appointed by God. 2 Corinthians 5:20
2. He does not support himself. We are sustained by God's provision of logistical grace. Matthew 6:25-Matthew 6:34
3. The ambassador's instructions are always in written form so he has no doubt as to what he should do. We have Scripture. 2 Timothy 2:15
4. The ambassador does not belong to the country to which he is sent. Our headquarters, home, and citizenship is in heaven. Philippians 3:20
5. Therefore, the ambassador doesn't live in that country for his own personal interest. We live here on earth solely to serve in the interest of our Lord. Mark 12:30 and Mark 12:31
6. The ambassador does not treat any insult to himself as personal. This is the royal ambassador's function in both spiritual self-esteem and impersonal love for all mankind. We tolerate others and hold no grudges. Royal Family Honor Code, interpersonal relationship section: Romans 12.
7. When an ambassador is recalled, his recall is tantamount to a declaration of war. His recall is analogous to the Rapture of the Church. The Tribulation is analogous to the warfare which follows. 2 Thessalonians 2:7 and 2 Thessalonians 2:8

In order for the believer to successfully orienteer as both a citizen of heaven as well as a citizen of his client nation, he must assume the attitude and the status of an ambassador.

H. Ambassadorship Function: Influence not Control Vocabulary:

Influence: A spiritual or moral force. The power of producing an effect without apparent exertion of force or direct exercise of command. [This is overt through the execution of the Christian way of life.] Power to cause an effect in indirect or intangible ways. [This is invisible through spiritual growth. Both overt and invisible influence have historical impact.]

Control: Regulate; have power over; rule.

Interfere: Hinder, impede, oppose, obstruct.

As a royal ambassador, we each seek to represent and promote the interests of our Sovereign.

This assignment is to take place within the confines of the client nation to which we are assigned by the Sovereign.

In representing our Lord, we take the position of guests in the host country.

As such, we refrain from interfering with the governmental affairs of the host.

Paul was a citizen of the Roman Empire. We are citizens of the United States of America. Each is an earthly citizenship and both are temporal.

But following salvation, Paul, as well as those of us, became citizens of a heavenly community. Paul points this out in:

Philippians 3:17 - Join with others in following my example, fellow believers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.

Philippians 3:18 - For, as I have often told you before and now reiterate, even as I weep, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.

Philippians 3:19 - Their destiny is destruction [**Sin Uunto Death**], their god is their emotion [**over-emphasis on self**], and their glory is in their shame [**no escrow blessings**]. Their mind is on earthly things [**inability to isolate distractions**].

Philippians 3:20 - But our citizenship [*politeuma*] is in heaven from which we also eagerly anticipate the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ [**expectation of the Rapture's recall of ambassadors**].

Prior to recall, we are to function as ambassadors for Christ and part of that assignment, according to our written instructions, is to obey the laws of the host and to submit to those who are in positions of authority.