

Literal Translation of Verse 6:

"And made us a kingdom of priests to the God and His Father; to Him is the glory and the might and unto the ages of the ages. Amen."

ANTI-BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES:

- Agnosticism denies that God is knowable
- Rationalism denies that He is Incomprehensible
- Idealism denies that He is Transcendent
- Existentialism denies rationality in His relationship with us.

- 1) Agnosticism focuses away from God to what we can physically see and perceive since "God is not knowable".
- 2) Rationalism is the belief that thought and action should be governed by reason, thus God is Incomprehensible.
- 3) Idealism believes perfection is an attainable goal.
- 4) Existentialism emphasizes finding oneself and finding the meaning of life, and that personal sources form the essence of life.

ROYAL POSITION

- Heb. 3:1 "heavenly calling"
- 2 Tim. 1:9 "holy calling"
- 1 Peter 2:9 "out of darkness..."
- 1 Peter 5:10 "unto His eternal glory"
- Rom. 8:29 "conformed to the image of His Son"
- 1 Thess. 2:12 "unto His kingdom"
- 2 Thess. 2:13 "for salvation"
- 1 Tim. 6:12 "unto eternal life"
- 1 Cor. 1:9 "into fellowship with Christ"
- 2 Thess. 2:14, 15 "Share Christ's Glory"

HOW ROYALTY SHOULD ACT (Rev. 1:6)

- I. Understand that we are made Saints
 1. Bound together in what is called the body of Christ.
 2. Bound to advance to maturity.
 3. Bound so that differences are overshadowed in areas of non-essentials.
 4. Bound so that there is tolerance of application relative to the insignificant.
 5. Bound so that there is *intolerance* relative to *essential Biblical Truths*.
- II. Royalty Demands rigid Inflexibility to essential doctrines of God's Word, while flexible as to the application. (Variance can become error and misinterpretation can become apostasy). We are to distinguish between Biblical absolutes and various ways these absolutes can be applied.
- III. When Royal members learn truths together their applications will not always be the same.
- IV. The more mature generally the more accurate will be the applications.
- V. The more advanced believer must be tolerant of a new believer when there is inaccurate application.
- VI. This gives the new or immature believer the same opportunity of learning as the mature believer had when he or she was immature.
- VII. In God's Own Timing, *not ours*, the Holy Spirit directing Spiritual food in the soul of the growing believer will guide the believer in making correct applications.
- VIII. Different levels of Ignorance will not change the absolute Truth of God's Word.