

David's Heir: Cosmic Two Religion: Man by Man's Efforts to Win the Approbation of God; Christianity Results when God Seeks Man through the Grace of the Cross; Believers Are Royal Family of God, Rom 8:16; 1 Pet 2:9; 2 Cor 5:20; 1 Cor 12:13; Matt 6:33; Col 1:9b-12; Matt 5:13

7. **Religion:** The system whereby man by his own efforts and merits tries to gain salvation or the approbation of God. It is a relationship with Lucifer which puts man in bondage to the Dark Side.
1. Religion is the result of unchecked reversionism combined with the interlock of several categories of the cosmic systems.
2. These categories include in Cosmic One Arrogance: #4, self-righteousness; #5, sexual; #7, psychopathic; #10 irrational; and # 11, Christian service.
3. In Cosmic Two Hatred are the categories of #2, antagonistic negative volition; #4, anti-establishment; #5, demonism; #6, cosmic panaceas; #8, anthropocentric academic speculation; and #9, evil.
4. In religion, man seeks to gain the approbation of God through personal merit and human works.
5. In Christianity, God seeks man through the saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross.
6. All organizations operate under a structure which includes a plan, a policy, and a purpose.
7. The plan of Satan is called evil and functions under a policy of works.
8. Its purpose is the delusion of the human race with the intent of coopting as many as possible into his organization. The organization which Lucifer uses in this effort is called religion.
9. On the other hand, the plan of God is called "the good" in Romans 8:28 and 12:2. It functions under the policy of grace.
10. Its purpose is to bring many sons into glory (Hebrews 2:10). The organizational structure which God uses is called, in the present dispensation, the church.
11. The church is defined as both an organization and organism. The local church is an organization in which believers gather to learn the policies, processes, and procedures of executing the Christian way of life.
12. The organism consists of every member of the body of Christ from the events surrounding the advent of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 to His withdrawal at the Rapture of the church described in John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:51-54; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; and 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12.
13. Christianity is not a religion but a relationship with God through the grace provision of Christ's substitutionary spiritual death on the cross.
14. Consequently, we are an elite corps of royal aristocrats as members of God's royal family:

Romans 8:16 - The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

v. 17 - and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.
15. We are commissioned royal priests and granted the various privileges associated with worshiping God:

1 Peter 2:9 - But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellences of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

16. We are commissioned royal ambassadors and granted the various opportunities associated with serving God:

2 Corinthians 5:20 - Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

17. We are identified with Christ through the baptism of the Holy Spirit:

1 Corinthians 12:13 - For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

18. We are issued daily logistical grace support:

Matthew 6:33 - Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things ["food, drink, clothing"] will be added to you.

19. We have the availability of delegated divine omnipotence to live the Christian way of life:

Colossians 1:9b - ... be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

v. 10 - so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

v. 11 - strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for attaining of all steadfastness and patience,

v. 12 - joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

20. We have the potential for historical impact in our generation:

Matthew 5:13 - "You are the salt of the earth [the preserving power of positive believers in a client nation]; but if the salt has become tasteless [national reversionism], how can it be made salty again [locked-in negative volition]? It is no longer good for anything [loss of preserving power], except to be thrown out [loss of divine protection] and trampled under foot by men [invasion and defeat by a predator nation]."