

The Church Age Believer is Very Unique

1 Corinthians 13:9

Many believers today don't realize and have not even had it brought to their attention – the uniqueness of being a member of the Royal Family in this magnificent church age. We are living between Pentecost on the one hand and the Resurrection of the body of Christ on the other hand.

Verse 9 presents and amplifies the manner in which the New Testament truth was taught before the existence of the New Testament. The Apostle Paul was given information not known and not taught in the Old Testament times or by Old Testament writers and that is the message of the MYSTERY. It was Jesus who first introduced the subject during His earthly ministry.

Matthew 13:11 *“Jesus answered them, ‘To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.’”*

Luke 8:10 *“And He said, ‘To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’”*

Ephesians 1:9 *“Having made known to us the mystery of His will, purpose, and design according to the standard of His good thinking which He purposed in Him.”* (This is a reference to the Plan of God related to the Royal Family.) (There were no Royal Family in Old Testament times – the Royal Family began on the day of Pentecost with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit).

The Church Age Believer is Very Unique (Continued)

When the Apostle Paul started with the first word of [1 Corinthians 13:9](#), he is making an explanation about the fact that the Church Age believer is EXTREMELY UNIQUE. JESUS CHRIST IS UNIQUE – THE HYPOSTATIC UNION BY WAY OF THE VIRGIN CONCEPTION AND VIRGIN BIRTH – ARE VERY UNIQUE. This Jesus Christ finished His mission on the earth – ascended to the Father’s right hand and when this occurred, A NEW DISPENSATION BEGAN – THE DISPENSATION OF THE ROYAL FAMILY OF GOD. Deity II had royalty in His Pre-existent state – THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. Deity 2 in His incarnation had royalty – virgin birth – He was born into the family of David – that is royalty by birth. When Deity 2 was seated at the Father’s right hand – THERE WAS NO ROYALTY – BUT – GOD SAID: *“NOT GOOD THAT OUR LORD SHOULD BE ALONE.”* Therefore, he gave to him a ROYAL FAMILY. You, me and every born again from Pentecost until this present moment. WE MAKE UP HIS ROYAL FAMILY IN THIS AGE OF GRACE DISPENSATION.

Let’s define the Royal Family:

- I. The church age believer is a member of the Royal Family of God.
- II. During the church age, believers are called out, receive salvation and complete the Body of Christ.
- III. The Lord Jesus Christ is the King and church age believers are members of His Royal Family.
- IV. The royal status of the church age believer is higher than the Jews or believers in any other age of history.
- V. The church age believer is expected to grow up spiritually to fulfill his royal destiny as a member of the Royal Family.