1Thes 73

The Royal Family Honor Code

Let us keep the ladies in Wyoming in prayer they have had a brutal winter and they had more snow dumped on them last week.

They are measuring the snow in double digits…12 and 15 foot snow drifts!

Today we will begin a look at the Royal Family Honor Code.

Depending upon how much I can get through, it may be a two- or three-part series.

We began this study because our current study in 1Thess 4, had us looking into personal boundaries and deception.

How we treat others speaks volumes to our own personal character and integrity.

/1Thes 4:6 *and* **that no one violate the rights and take advantage of his brother *or sister***in the matter, because the Lord is *the* avenger in all these things, just as we also told you previously and solemnly warned *you.*

Do not defraud or trespass on the freedom, privacy or moral and financial boundaries of the Royal family.\

There is a lot to be said about how you treat those who are unlovely, those who are lower on the social scale then you. Those who you have greater intelligence over.

A series like this can be a wake up for our own attitude toward other people.

/We can evaluate our family & friends by how they treat the unlovely.

“I don’t trust anyone who’s nice to me but rude to the waiter. Because they would treat me the same way if I were in that position.” ― *Muhammad Ali \*

The first principle we need to digest is that at the moment of salvation – every BEL was entered into the family of God which makes them royalty!

As members of the body of Christ and the royal priesthood all Church Age Believers will return with Christ at the second advent. We will participate in the strategic victory, the overthrow of Satan plus the Millennial reign of Christ.

No Bel is below you or above you. So never assume you are better or worse than any other Bel. REPEAT

The establishment of winners and loser will occur at the Bema Seat Judgement - it is not up to you and I to judge anyone.

/After the Millennium the royal family will be with Christ forever in the new heavens, the new earth, and the new Jerusalem. Specifically, our abode in eternity is the new heavens. The new heavens belong to us as members of the royal family. \

The assurance of royalty is that we are in union with Christ. One of many grace gifts is also the unprecedented indwelling of God the Holy Spirit.

Never before in history has the third person of the Trinity indwelt every Bel. The purpose of this indwelling is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ who is the King of kings, Lord of lords —

/Jhn 7:37 Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “**If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink**. 38 The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘**From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.**’”

This speaks to a supernatural union and power only given from Christ!\

The death, burial and resurrection left no doubt that sin was paid for and a resurrection life was given to all Bels.

When Jesus ascended and sat down at the right hand of the throne – the position of power in the line of authority, the royal seal of power and authority were established for all Bels.

/[Jhn 7:39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jhn/7/39/s_1004039) But this He said in reference to the Spirit, **whom those who believed in Him were to receive**; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was **not yet glorified.**

Jesus (humanity) was glorified and sat down at the right hand of God the Father at the throne. \

Turn to Ephesians chapter four RF.

We are part of a permanent aristocracy that can never be denied or destroyed. The whole point of consistent perception of BD is so that we may begin to think like the aristocracy!

/1Pet 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 excellencies of Him** who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light;

Psa 22:28 For **the kingdom is the Lord’s** And He rules over the nations.\

How you think can determine where you will be in the future.

Until we think like aristocracy we will never act like the sons and daughters of royalty, we will never truly walk as children of God.

The saddest life in this temporal world, is to BE blessed, loved by God and have an intimate, royal connection to the eternal King of kings and never acknowledge it or live in it.

 REPEAT

This is one reason the Apostle Paul would make statements like we see in Ephesians chapter four;

/Eph 4:1 **Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord**, urge you to **walk in a manner worthy of the calling** with which you have been called,

Even as a prisoner Paul knew he was a child of God and royal family member. He is teaching Bels to walk in aristocracy.\

The present tense - speaks to the Apostle Paul teaching Bels to consistently move forward in the New Nature.

PERRI-PET-ETO, speaks to dwelling and finding comfort in forward motion – to regulate and progress with control and accuracy.

[Eph 4:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/2/s_1101002) with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

/[Eph 4:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/3/s_1101003) **being diligent to keep the unity**of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is a system in the Christian way of life. A system that calls for an Honor Code. Unity is not kept without regulations or a code in place.\

Just as in the military or government there is standards and protocols.

 This is not about morality. Morality is a function of the establishment principles.

There is a set of standards or regulations that assist those in a higher rank to align their behaviours so that unity and respect is spread across the whole system.

/To enter a kingdom and present yourself among royalty, there is a chain of command to be recognized first. Then there are rules and etiquette to be followed. Every King has protocols for not only those ranking members of their court but for family members as well. The CA is a Royal Family ranking and being not only in union with Christ (King of kings), we are the bride of Christ! The mentality and behaviours of a peasant are an insult to your divine calling.\

It doesn’t matter who you were in the flesh.

It doesn’t matter how you view yourself in society – that person looking back at you in the mirror is no longer a peasant of this lost and dying world.

/Gal 5:1 It was **for freedom that Christ set us free**; therefore keep standing firm and **do not be subject again** to a yoke of **slavery**.

This is not a call to sinless perfection it is a call to recognize you are no longer a slave who conforms to the cosmic master – Satan.\

Spiritual freedom is an extension of human freedom.

The first thing God allowed for the man and woman in the Garden was free will – freedom of choice.

/The beginning of understanding the Royal Family Honor Code is recognition of your new position. The imputation of divine righteousness demands advance to maturity. The Believer in Christ is born again into a status quo called aristocracy – a Royal Family, a bride to the King of kings. Royal priesthood, ambassadorship to the kingdom, these are all given at salvation.\

Because of free will – because God is a God who loves so much, HE created and promotes freedom for HIS creatures.

It is because of that; we can reject all of this royal administrative power and our divine righteousness and eternal aristocracy and live in slavery to the OSN and Satan’s system.

/Once the Bel recognizes their new position is secure and divine royalty is their calling. They then have to pivot to the 4 divine establishments (institutions) and understand and learn to respect them;

Free will (freedom) Christian Marriage

Christian Family Nationalism \

These are key foundations to the honor code.

If you are not interested in diving deeper into BD and understanding these doctrines and principles, you will never learn to apply the RFHC in life.

/Without freedom - which was paid for by the blood of Christ and many times in history, by the bloodshed in warfare (temporal). There is no way to grow toward maturity and apply BD in spiritual combat. The 4 divine establishments are pillars of a free society. Private property, personal choice, multiple options for financial and educational growth all spring forth from these establishments.\

Freedom is not chaos – freedom needs strict rules for it to succeed in a society.

The more a society follows the 4 divine establishments of God, the greater chance for success.

When leadership operates from Christian values they will enforce fair, yet strict laws.

/Rom 13:3 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. **Do you want to have no fear of authority?** Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; 4 for it is a servant of God to you for good. **But if you do what is evil, be afraid;** for it **does not bear the sword for nothing**; for it is a servant of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.

Punishment should fit the crime. Capital punishment is designed for the harden, violent criminal who takes life and freedoms away from others.\

Freedom can only thrive under laws and the correct function of a justice system that is blind to favoritism.

This basic concept of laws and respect for the divine establishments begins to open up the RFHC to the Bel.

Respect for the freedom and privacy of others is the main ingredient.

/Orientation toward authority, and respecting God given freedom will become a core set of values that the Bel can build their understanding of the Royal Family Honor Code upon. This means deeper concepts and doctrines within the word of God have to become applied knowledge (wisdom), to advance in the application stage of this honor code. The mature Bel will naturally apply this code with ease even when members of the church are living in the arrogant complex of sins. \

True freedom only comes through TLJC.

Every other form of freedom is a counterfeit.

True freedom is through Christ and it is then you can find divine wisdom which will truly set you free!

/Jhn 8:36 “So if the Son sets you free, **you really will be free**.

2Cor 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is freedom**.\

You can never live in true freedom if you are a slave to sin and in constant state of manipulation and confusion in the devil’s world.

The RFHC is only applicable from a mature Bel who is walking in the NEW NATURE!

The cosmic system teaches people that freedom is a license to live in sin…no rules or regulations.

God’s divine freedom teaches the opposite of the cosmic system;

/1Cor 6:12 All things are permitted for me, **but not all things are of benefit**. All things are permitted for me, but **I will not be mastered by anything.**

True freedom comes from God. It is a recognition of responsibility, a respect for authority and allowing others their personal privacy and freedom.\

A mature Christian will show a relaxed mental attitude and be free from the standards of social status and inordinate competition.

Many people in the cosmic system are slaves to their emotions or addictions and they think they are living in freedom.

They attempt to live up to unrealistic social standards and peer pressure, or conform themselves to an image that the world projects. REPEAT

/Gal 5:13 For **you were called to freedom**, brothers *and sisters;* only **do not *turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh**, but serve one another through love.

Bels learn that the cosmic system and the flesh are a trap which drag them back toward slavery within the OSN. \

/Psa 119:45 And **I will walk at liberty**,
For I seek Your precepts. 46 I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings
And **shall not be ashamed**.

The mature Bel can walk in Christ and speak of Christ in any setting. They have a confidence and calm that is Christ-like which leaves others baffled. \

Everyone is under a yoke of something or someone.

Those who reject Christ remain under the authority of not only the OSN but the demonic powers of Satan and his fallen army.

/1Pet 2:16 *Act* as free people, **and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil**, but *use it* as bond-servants of God.

Being under the authority of God is the only yoke that can set us free! \

The truth about freedom is it has limitations – it has boundaries and restrictions.

Freedom is not lawlessness nor is freedom designed to separate us from God.

Those are cosmic definitions of freedom.

/Rom 8:1 Therefore there is **now no condemnation** at all for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For **the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death**.

God’s freedom is designed to bring us closer to HIM, giving us strength, calm assurance and a life HE created for us. \

Freedom is found within who you are in CHRIST.