

Kingship of Believers (Addendum)
(Present Kingship: Suffering With Christ)

-The believer's kingship: a present reality (Ephesians 2:6)

I. The Larger Context of our Present Kingship

-great tribulation (Daniel 12:2; Matthew 24:21; Revelation 2:22; 7:14)

-Tribulation is the normal experience of God's people since the first coming of Jesus Christ (John 16:33; Acts 14:22; Romans 5:3; 8:35-37; Philippians 1:29; Colossians 1:24; 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 3:1; 1 Peter 1:6, 7; 1 John 2:18).

II. The Unique Model of Our Present Kingship

-Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:21; Daniel 7:13-27)

III. The Particular Expression of Our Present Kingship

-Faithful endurance of suffering for Jesus' sake (Revelation 1:9)

Practical Lessons

- 1) This teaching exposes the utter, absolute falsehood of the health, wealth, and prosperity gospel.
- 2) Don't be surprised when you encounter intense, prolonged suffering for the sake of Christ (1 Pet. 4:12, 13).
- 3) The endurance of trials for the sake of Christ is part and parcel of our present kingship (Rom. 8:17, 18; 2 Tim. 2:12).