

The Royal Priesthood

- What is a Priest?
 - Someone who is authorized to perform sacred rites especially as a mediatory agent (**Representative**) between humans and God [often in a temple or sacred space].
- The LORD established a priesthood from the **Beginning**
 - Adam and Eve
 - Were designed to **represent** the LORD to all Creation and to **work** (rule) in fellowship and relationship with Him (Genesis 1:26) in a **Sacred Space** (The Garden of Eden).
 - Told to be Fruitful and Multiply
 - The Covenants (Agreements)
 - Noah (Genesis 8:20 - 9:17)
 - Abraham (Gen. 17:9-14)
 - Israel / Moses (**Exodus 19:3-6**, Exodus 24)
 - King David (2 Samuel 7)
 - Humans are **bad** covenant partners
 - Noah (Genesis 9:20-24)
 - Abraham (Genesis 21:8-20)
 - Israel (Most of the Old Testament)
 - David (2 Samuel 11)
- We need a **New Human** to enter a **New Covenant** relationship with the LORD on our behalf.
 - Jesus
 - Comes as a new kind of Human (1 Corinthians 15:45-48 , John 1:1-5, Colossians 2:9)
 - Fulfills the Requirements of the Old Covenant
 - Brought in the ultimate atoning (redemptive) sacrifice (1 John 2:2)
 - Is now seated as the High Priest, mediating between us and the LORD (Hebrews 4:14, Hebrews 12:24).
 - **We are now:**
 - Transformed into new People like Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - A new Royal Priesthood. (Revelation 1:6 / 1 Peter 2:9)
 - The New Temple (1 Corinthians 3:16)
- 3 Practical Applications:
 - Dress Differently (Colossians 3:12)
 - Offer Sacrifices (**Romans 12:2**)
 - **Be Fruitful and Multiply (Matthew 28:19-20)**