

Are you in the world or of the world?

What is the difference between being 'in' something as compared to being 'of' something?
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IN. 1. English. (1) The preposition: within, inside of, surrounded by. 2. French. In ventre. In the womb.

OF. By; belonging to; upon.

'In' means simply within or surrounded by, as being in the womb, *i.e.*, 'The sheep lived their entire lives *in* the pasture by the river'. This merely conveys the surroundings where the sheep lived. The Lord is Our Shepherd and We are His sheep, and We live *in* the pasture called earth.

'Of' means belonging to or [made] by, *i.e.*, 'The sheep *belong to* the Lord' or 'The sheep are *of* God'. Christians are His sheep and We are *of* Him. We - Christians - can be grazing *in* any pasture, but We belong to and are *of* the Lord.

If you were *of* the world, the world would love you as **his own*: but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. See *John 15:19*. **by the word 'his', Jesus is referring to lucifer, the fallen angel of God; satan; the prince of this world. [See *John 12:31**

Jesus spoke these words to the Father concerning all those who believed *of* Him;

They are not *of* the world, even as I am not *of* the world. *John 17:16*.

The point here is this: There is not any Christian who was, is, or is to be *of* this world. To be an Heir *of* Jesus, the Christ, is not in any way associated with or *of* the world where prince satan rules. Christians are *of* God, our Creator, who has made this world His foot stool. Where and when did Our Lord tell us to be *of* the world? Nowhere and never. However, We must live *in* this world. The confusion begins among Christians when they don't listen to what God has explicitly told them and they begin to transform themselves from those who live *in* the world to those who live *of* the world.

Out of the fallen nature of mankind, man - because of his sin nature - is always looking for a king or a government to rule him. Christians have a supreme and superior king - the first king - and He is called by name the **King of Kings**. Those who are not Christians are always seeking a new king simply because they refuse to recognize the **First King**.

A problem arises when His people - Christians - who must live *in* this world ask to become associated *of* the world. They do this by honoring and petitioning the king *of* this world to be

their king. And yes, they ask by petitioning the king for benefits and privileges that are granted by the king, i.e., licenses, permits, social security cards, government identification, etcetera, ad nauseum. The biggest offender is the **Internal Revenue Service 501(c)3 incorporated Church** [which is not the church] who has petitioned the king for a 'tax exempt license' when the **IRS Code** doesn't even require the church - the **Body of Christ** - to acquire one! A group of Christians - of the true church; the **Body of Christ** - need no exemption from the king's taxes unless they have taken the mark of the king. This is what the king's own rules and codes say. The practice of incorporating Churches in order to be recognized of this world began in the early 1800's in New England. In **Christian America**, the only place where this was not done prior to 1865 was in the southern Christian States, and we all know that **Lincoln's unholy War** eliminated by innocent blood the remaining Christian States.

Through the Redemption of the **Blood of Christ Jesus**, We belong to the **King of Kings**. If a Christian chooses a new king to be his king, he is renouncing and cancelling his Redemption and placing upon his forehead and upon his right hand the mark of him [see * above] who is not the **King of Kings**. It does not take an oath or a signed statement to cause a Christian to renounce his King. All it takes is the voluntary acceptance of any mark what-so-ever of the new king. In renouncing the stainless blood of the **King of Kings** he has taken upon himself the mark of the prince of darkness, the ruler of this world.

A man cannot serve two kings; he cannot place his right foot in the Kingdom of God and his left foot in the kingdom of this earth because then he is of neither. He is a lost sheep scattered in the wilderness who must choose his master or starve without a shepherd to care for and protect him. The **King of Kings** says **he who is not with me is against me**. It would have been no different if Jesus had said 'he who is not of me is against me', for how can someone be of the **Kingdom of God** unless he be *with* the **King**? It's just that easy. How can a Christian be *with* and *of* the **King of Kings** if he carries the marks of another king in his wallet or purse identifying who he *belongs to*, which is; *with* and *of* the king of this world?

This is nothing new as God's children have run off to seek new kings constantly.

And the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you: for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. According to all the works which they have done since the day I brought them up out of Egypt, up to today, they have forsaken Me [God has not forsaken them], and served other gods... [See *I Samuel* 8:7-8]

The Lord then told Samuel to **listen to what they are saying: how could this be so? Object solemnly to them, and show them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.** God wanted to show His people how bad it would be for them to become a nation belonging to the kings and princes of this world. What further warning could He have made? Samuel obediently relayed all the Words of the Lord to the people that were asking for this worldly king. He then described to them exactly what the Lord said would happen [See *I Samuel* 8:9-19]

This will be the manner of the king that shall take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots. And he [the king] will appoint [under] him captains over thousands, and captains of fifties; and will set them to plow his ground, and to reap his harvest, and

to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots. And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers. And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his officers, and to his servants. And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your choicest young men, and your donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take a tenth of your flocks: and you will be his slaves. And you will cry out in that day because of your king which you shall have chosen; and the Lord will not hear you in that day.

With a warning such as this, who would even consider choosing or even obeying such a king? More especially, God warned them that they would be slaves of their new king; And that when they cried out to God for Mercy in that terrible day of slavery and bondage, God would not hear them! The king will take your houses, your fields, and your inheritance, and divide them up among his officers in the field under military law. How many times have you heard of a man loosing his house because he didn't pay his taxes and tribute to the king? With this in mind, they refused and chose not to obey the Word of God and said

No. We will have a king over us that we also may be like all the [other] nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles. [See *I Samuel* 8:20].

They wanted a king who would fight their battles for them and be their god. Especially since the beginning of this century, this is exactly what most American Christians have done. Rather than keep their faith and continue to rely on the **Mercy** and **Redemption** of the **King of Kings**, they succumbed to the prince of this world and asked him to be their king. They did this by registering with this unholy king their Christian gatherings *of and within* the church; Requesting for and receiving various monetary benefits belonging to the king, *i.e.* the Social Security Act, the Farm Bill Act, *ad nauseum*; Seeking the king's civil licensure to marry [which is a Holy Covenant binding and belonging only of the **King of Kings**]; and so on, *in infinitum*.

Of course, the unholy king and his government are very deceiving and use their tools of trickery and deceit to entice the church away from the **King of Kings**. But having read this, how can you proclaim that you are of Christ Jesus when your marks proclaim you are of the world? You cannot. The marks of your king are on your forehead by being in your daily thoughts and always on your mind, urgently hoping that you comply with the king's rules, codes and statutes; And not be penalized or thrown into prison because or in case you make a mistake, *i.e.*, be arrested for forgetting to have your 'drivers license' with you.

God cannot hear the *purported* Christian who has chosen to accept and keep the mark or marks of another king while attempting to convince himself that he is still under the **Covenant and Testament of Jesus, the Christ**. It's true that those who were previously His sheep hear His voice, as those *purported* Christians do hear Him in the same way a sinner hears the voice of God, but if in their hearts and in their minds they are *of* another flock and are following another shepherd, how can **The Lord God** hear them? They are not of His flock! They may be grazing in His pasture, but they have the marks of another master and king. [A sinner hears the **Word of God** because he is willing to voluntarily give up his present king and life that is bound to his king.] For this reason the *purported* Christian cries out to **The Lord** wondering why He cannot hear them [see *I Samuel* above]. Unless you take His mark of the stainless blood of Christ, and

remove the marks *of* the worldly king, He cannot hear you as [this is His Law as He has proclaimed it; the Law of God Almighty](#).

When a Christian renounces the Redemption and blood *of* Christ Jesus by no more than accepting benefits and privileges and marks *of* another king, he has lost his voice to the [Father](#), as a Christian can only petition the Father [through Christ Jesus](#); "[Ask the Father in My Name](#)".

God has already - with clarity - judged the *purported* 'lip service' Christian who - *knowingly* and *voluntarily* - bears marks of another king according to [His Word](#).

If you think you're a Christian, then what marks are upon you? What is upon your forehead? What marks are upon your right hand as you labor for your king? FICA and Social Security taxes taken from your labours under your name as a slave *of* your king? If you look at the marks of any king other than the [King of Kings](#) and see nothing wrong with them or no harm to them, you are not *of* Christ but are merely enjoying - by theft - some of the fruits *in* His pasture. **When He calls, you cannot run to Him because you have the mark of another shepherd and He will proclaim "I know you not" and you will forever join your un-godly king.**

Those who proclaim with their wagging tongues to be *of* Christ, but voluntarily bear the marks *of* and *belonging to* another king, and have refused to renounce or remove those marks, have not listened to the [Comforter](#), the [Holy Spirit](#), because they have found un-goldy comfort and complacency from the pasture of he who is not the [King of Kings](#). The fruit offered may taste good but it does not come from the [Tree of Life](#) and, in the end, is bitter and full of death.

Give up your worldly marks of the worldly king. This we will teach you how to do in the next issues as you learn *in* your heart and *of* the [Holy Spirit](#) true [Christian common law](#), the [Law of God](#), the *Lex Ecclesia Domini*.

We leave you in preparation with these Words:

[Blessed are they that wash their robes](#) [which bear the marks of the ungodly kings] **[that they may have the Right to come to the Tree of Life and may enter in by the gates into the City of God.](#)** [See [Revelations 22:14](#)].

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