

NAMES OF CHRIST

# King of Kings

*God will bring this about in his own time. He is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see, to him be honor and eternal power. Amen. ~ 1 Timothy 6:15-16*

Discover the Context  
1 Timothy 6:3-21

 “No single piece of our mental world is to be hermetically sealed off from the rest, and there is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is sovereign over all, does not cry: *Mine!*”  
~ Abraham Kuyper  
(1837-1920)

 Can you just have Jesus as a Savior without having him as your Lord?

 Read the *Dig Deeper* passage from Revelation 19. Reflect on the imagery used to describe Jesus. We often stress the savior attributes of Jesus—his love, mercy, patience, etc. But Jesus is also royalty, and this emphasizes his sovereignty, might, and authority. The gospel is more than an invitation. It is also a command from Christ to repent and submit to the King of all kings.

Every Thursday we will study one of the many and informative names of Christ.

Today, we’ve picked King of kings from 1 Timothy 6:15-16, although this passage also has other names and descriptions—blessed, Sovereign, Lord of lords, immortal, unapproachable light, honorable, eternal, powerful. Taken all together, it’s a pretty comprehensive and superlative description of Jesus Christ. It’s well summed up by calling him the King of all kings.

It’s one thing to acknowledge that this is his name. It’s another thing completely for this name to be on your lips. Can I ask you, here at the beginning of the summer, have you personally submitted to him as your king? Do you confess that you are not the king of your life? That you will face more than you can handle as a counselor, a support staffer, or director? That you will be tempted beyond what you are able? That you do not have within you the resources of wisdom, power, and skill to navigate the relationships and decisions of the weeks ahead?

Good news! Jesus Christ is the King of kings. He stands ready to be all this—and more—for you, every moment of every day. His power is sufficient for your weakness. As great as your sins will be, his forgiveness is greater still. His mercy will not run dry. His protection will not tap out. His steadfast faithfulness will not give up on you. No matter what happens.

Wait a second! How can we be so sure of all this? Doesn’t some of this seem over-inflated?

Not at all. And here’s why. Jesus wants to rescue you (Luke 19:10). He did everything that was necessary to rescue you (1 Peter 3:18)—lived perfectly, died vicariously, raised victoriously. And he promised that he won’t reject you. (John 6:37).

If you have put your faith in Jesus, he is your King of kings! All. Summer. Long. (JCR)