

- Elizabeth I vs Elizabeth II ¹

RESCUER – Jesus as King powerfully rescues his people

- the promise of the rescuer King
 - o King in OT history²
 - o King in OT prophecy ³
- our need for the rescuer King

- the coming of the rescuer King ⁴
 - o devil
 - o sin
 - o death
- ➔ receive Jesus as King ⁵

➔ rejoice in Jesus as King⁶

- o past
- o present
- o future

RULER – Jesus as King wisely rules over his people

- the rule of the wise King ⁷
- the response of his subjects
 - o obey⁸

o serve ⁹

➔ wear the T-shirt with pride

	PROPHET	PRIEST	KING
Our Problem	ignorant	sinful	weak
His	Reveals	Sacrifice &	Rescues
Solution	truth	intercession	& rules

¹ In sway of power, Jesus' kingship was like the monarchy of Elizabeth I not Elizabeth II (Luke 1:32-33, 69; Acts 2:29-30 (rooted in God's unconditional promissory covenant with king David: 2 Samuel 7:16; Psalm 89:3-4, 20-29); Acts 17:7
² 2 Samuel 8:14; 7:13; 1 Kings 10:8-9
³ Jeremiah 23:5
⁴ Luke 2:11; Genesis 3:15; John 12:31; John 8:34, 36; Hebrews 9:27; 2 Timothy 1:10
⁵ Mark 1:15
⁶ 1 Kings 1:39-40; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 14:17; 2 Timothy 4:18
⁷ Judges 21:25; Isaiah 11:2, 5
⁸ Matthew 28:18-20
⁹ Daniel 7:14; Luke 1:74

Rejoice the Lord is King!

Charles Wesley, 1746

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;

Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;

When He had purged our stains He took His seat above;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,

The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,

And bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He all His foes shall crush, shall all our sins destroy,

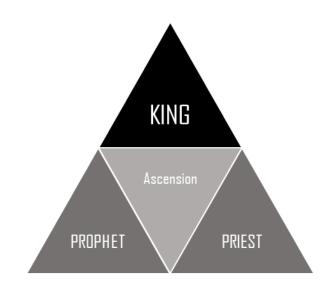
And every saint shall rush with pure unending joy;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,

And take His servants up to their eternal home.

We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice; The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!



The threefold work of Jesus as prophet, priest, and king has sometimes been called "the triple cure." All three offices hinge on his ascension without which his work on earth is incomplete. It has been said that Christ's kingship is the pinnacle of his three offices. This is because kings ruled in priestly and prophetic ways but priests and prophets were not kings.

At his ascension, Christ's roles as prophet and priest did not cease but continued, yet they changed, as did his kingship.

So, through his ascension, humiliation gave way to exaltation. And in triumphant exaltation, Jesus was enthroned, crowned, and confirmed as the King of kings receiving authority over heaven and earth and the church. Jesus did not simply come to earth to conquer death and rescue us. He ascended on high to receive his rightful rule sitting down at the right hand of the Father. Kings sit down and are installed in order to rule. And his present session as King for this interim period called the "church age" will finally wrap up at the Second Coming when all the enemies of King Jesus will become his footstool and every knee will bow and every tongue will acknowledge him as Lord to the glory of God the Father. Amen and maranatha.

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