

From the Stable to the Throne

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Over 2,000 years ago, far, far away, a baby was born in a stable. That baby grew to become a man and That Man forever changed the world. From humble beginnings through all the stages of life and the agonies of the cross, He now rules from heaven. In His short earthly life of 33 years, He bore the cross of humiliation and shame and was misunderstood and rejected by men. Rejected for being human and yet claiming to be God. He was rightly called the Son of God and the Son of Man.

He mixed politics and religion at the highest level while rejecting both in their corrupted form. He brought the presence of God into the marketplace, into the synagogue, into the courts of judgment and before Caesar's representatives. In the person of Jesus, God intervened in human affairs. As a man, He stood before both political and religious leaders. Both rejected Him; both condemned Him. The time is coming when every religious leader and every political leader who has ever lived will bow before Him in full transparency, with their words and deeds exposed.

He proclaimed the Truth with authority. He who first spoke the Law into being, He who created Man in His own image, He who made the earth and fashioned the planets and stars, He alone has the authority to define right and wrong, good and evil. Because He has written those laws in our hearts as well as in tablets of stone, every honest person must recognize His legitimate authority as King of kings and Lord of lords. Jesus spoke with the authority of God; His claims would have been audacious if they hadn't been true.

He meets us where we are and takes us with Him into realms of authority. By the power of His Cross, we who have called on Him for mercy and forgiveness are seated with Him in heavenly places. The authority he granted to the twelve apostles comes from the same wellspring of power and authority with which He calls us represent Him, to minister to the poor and hurting and to speak to nations.

Besides being the Son of God and our Saviour, He was for us a perfect example, a mentor and an equipper. He not only modelled for us the life He calls us to live. He not only told us how we should live but He gives us the power to live it. He gives us "the power to be called the sons [and daughters] of God." If Jesus had not willingly died for us on the Cross, we could never have found peace with God. But He did and by His sacrifice He offers us that peace today, the "peace that passes all understanding."

Scripture says that “all who will live godly lives will suffer persecution.” He told His disciples, “If they rejected Me, they will also reject you.” This should neither surprise nor discourage us. The early disciples even “rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer for His name.”

We also, as members of the CHP, have come from humble beginnings. We also have often been rejected by men. Our claims to authority based on scripture have often been dismissed. Our candidates have often been mocked and ridiculed. Our hopes and dreams have often been disappointed. We have been misunderstood and misrepresented. But we know the King, the risen Lord. We trust that His plans for us are better than any plans we could have for ourselves. We trust that what He has begun in us, He is able to bring to completion. We carry His banner into the battle for the culture because we are called to do so. We don't judge our own wisdom by our past successes or failures at the ballot box. We don't evaluate our effectiveness based on opinion polls. We trust in the Living God who calls us to obey, regardless of public opinion. We want to be found faithful in our generation to bring Truth into the public square, to expose the unfruitful works of darkness, to be a shield for the fatherless and to be light in the darkness.

There is a time coming when we will no longer be misunderstood. Whether in this life or beyond the grave we do not know but we can be confident that the purposes of God will be fulfilled. In times of social chaos and confusion, the prophet's role can be lonely—but God is always with us. He knows the end from the beginning is able to take our meagre crumbs of obedience, our two loaves and our five small fishes and do with them “more than we can ask or think.” Our job is to be faithful to the One who has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light. He has given us everything that pertains to life and godliness. Our Christmas present to Him is our obedience. He knows the way and He will continue to lead us, to fill our lamps and to lighten our path.

On behalf of the National Board of the Christian Heritage Party, our local and provincial officers and our candidates, past and future, we wish every one of you a joyous Christmas and a prosperous and victorious 2019!

Thank you for your faithful support, your friendship, and your willingness to bear your cross. One day you will wear your crown!