



SONSHIP – BEING A SON OF GOD

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For [even the whole] creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known [waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship].

Romans 8:19 (Amplified)

The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight of the sons of God coming into their own (J. B Phillips).

¹ *NOW WHAT I mean is that as long as the inheritor (heir) is a child and under age, he does not differ from a slave, although he is the master of all the estate; ²but he is under guardians and administrators or trustees until the date fixed by his father.*

³ *So we [Jewish Christians] also, when we were minors, were kept like slaves under [the rules of the Hebrew ritual and subject to] the elementary teachings of a system of external observations and regulations.*

⁴ *But when the proper time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born subject to [the regulations of] the Law, ⁵to purchase the freedom of (to ransom, to redeem, to atone for) those who were subject to the Law, that we might be adopted and have sonship conferred upon us [and be recognized as God's sons].*

⁶ *And because you [really] are [His] sons, God has sent the [Holy] Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba (Father)! Father!*

⁷ *Therefore, you are no longer a slave (bond servant) but a son; and if a son, then [it follows that you are] an heir by the aid of God, through Christ.*

Galatians 4:1-7 (Amplified)

YOU ARE LIKE THE ONE YOU DESCEND FROM

Unction means anointing. **Unction:** *To rub off, to smear off.*

Descendant means:

- a) *One descendant from another or from a common stock.*
- b) *One deriving directly from a precursor or prototype.*

And the Evil One came and said to Him; if you are the Son of God, give the word for these stones to become bread.

If you are the Son of God, let yourself go down; for it is in the Writings, He will give his angels care over you.

Matthew 4:3, 6

Two of Satan's three attacks on Jesus in the wilderness was a direct attack to destroy **the foundation of sonship!**

The devil tried to tempt Jesus to perform in order to prove His Sonship. Satan attacked the very foundation on which the Church would be built upon - sonship!

WHAT IS A SON OF GOD?

First: You Are Unique - *Distinctive, uncommon, exclusive, unusual.*

We Are:

- Men and women who bring redemption and freedom to mankind through the power of God.
- People who disarm the powers of darkness and liberate mankind from the clutches of corruption to bring them to glory, light and freedom.
- People who act Christ-like on earth based on their knowledge of being created in the image of God.
- People who are led by the Spirit of God.

¹ *Arise, shine; for your light is come, and the glory of Yahweh is risen on you.*

² *For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but Yahweh will arise on you, and his glory shall be seen on you.*

³ *Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.*

⁴ *Lift up your eyes round about, and see: they all gather themselves together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms.*

⁵ *Then you shall see and be radiant, and your heart shall thrill and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.*

Isaiah 60: 1-5

EVERYTHING REPRODUCES AFTER ITS KIND

Your sonship is the key to the supernatural!

¹¹ *God said, "Let the earth put forth grass, herbs yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind, with its seed in it, on the earth," and it was so.*

²⁴ *God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind, cattle, creeping things, and animals of the earth after their kind," and it was so.*

²⁵ *God made the animals of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind. God saw that it was good.*

Genesis 1:11, 24-25

Each species was created based on a pattern. The earth produced a prototype and the law of the universe came into motion. The same law was in force when God created man. God Himself was subject to His own law. **Genesis 1:26 says: And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...**

We are super-human beings who possess supernatural creative power. We are supernaturally created in God's image, likeness - God's nature in spirit, soul and body.

³⁰ ***How can we sum this up? All those people who didn't seem interested in what God was doing actually embraced what God was doing as he straightened out their lives.***

³¹ ***And Israel, who seemed so interested in reading and talking about what God was doing, missed it.***

³² ***How could they miss it? Because instead of trusting God, they took over. They were absorbed in what they themselves were doing. They were so absorbed in their "God projects" that they didn't notice God right in front of them, like a huge rock in the middle of the road. And so they stumbled into him and went sprawling.***

³³ ***Isaiah (again!) gives us the metaphor for pulling this together: Careful! I've put a huge stone on the road to Mount Zion, a stone you can't get around. But the stone is me! If you're looking for me, you'll find me on the way, not in the way.***

Romans 9: 30-33 (Message)

For I tell you that unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, there is no way you will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 5:20

EQUALITY WITH GOD

The Bible says in Genesis 1:26 that we are created in the image and likeness of God.

The dictionary describes it as:

- a) **Equal** - *the quality of being the same in quantity or measure or value status. The quality of being alike.*
Romans 8:29, For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be molded into the image of His Son
- b) **Equality** – *a state of being essentially equal or equivalent; equally balanced; “on par with the best”.*

It is one thing to have eternal life by faith. It is another thing to have abundant life by faith.

It is one thing for you to become the righteousness of God in Him. It is another thing for you to realize His righteous life is in you.

It is one thing to live in Christ. It is another thing for Christ to live His life in you and through you!

When He says that he does not call us anymore servants, but His righteousness (equality), sons of the Most High God! It is blasphemous not to receive it!

God spoke: Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature.

Genesis 1:26 (Message)

Give heed to my word says the Lord, so shall you be delivered from bondage of death, and you will walk in a new life!

But of which of the angels has he said at any time, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet?"

Hebrews 1:13