



BEING A SON OF GOD

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God's Family

It is not a "system" involved in developing "children of the kingdom" through programs and the "easy believism" of the current church.

Being a son of God is an event of blessing based on faith and obediently attending to the voice of the Lord our God. Being a Son of Zadok – the High Priest opens the door to "God events".

By doing so the writer does not bring Christ down to us, he brings us up to Christ.

What now is the role of the angels?

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Hebrews 1:14

The destiny of man is not just to be saved but to rule, under Christ, all the works of God's hands.

How shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

Hebrews 2:3

It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honour and put everything under his feet." In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him.

Hebrews 3:5-8

Christ the Son of Man

The first "Man" to appear on the earth is the Word made flesh. The reason the Lord Jesus has dominion over the creation is not because He is the Son of **God** but because He is the Son of **Man**. The rulership of the creation was given to man in the beginning and never shall be withdrawn.

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Hebrews 2:9

In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Hebrews 8:10

Our Calling

Our land of promise is transformation into the moral and physical image of Christ; untroubled rest in the Father's will and Person; and life lived in the fullness of incorruptible resurrection power.

Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.

Hebrews 2:11

The adamic man can never be the brother of Jesus Christ. To be a brother of Jesus Christ we must be fully human and fully Divine. We must be son of God and son of man. When Christ is formed in us we remain human, but our humanity has transcended the sinful adamic nature.

God wants us to be fully human in the best sense of the word. And because we have been born of God, we are destined to become fully Divine.

Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (Amplified)

A son of God is not an adamic personality who is imitating Jesus, or an adamic personality with the touch of Christ on him. Rather he is a new creation of God. All the old has passed away. All has been replaced with that which is of God.

We Truly Are Sons of God

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 [and share inwardly His likeness], that He might become the firstborn among many brethren.

And those whom He thus foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified (acquitted, made righteous, putting them into right standing with Himself). And those whom He justified, He also glorified [raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition or state of being].

Romans 8:29-30 (Amplified)

The Father's ultimate intention is that He may inhabit, subdue, and exercise dominion in the earth through His corporate Son (male and female), the Body of Christ.

In the Day of Resurrection our flesh and bone body will be raised from the dead and clothed with the body from Heaven that has been formed as we have sown our present body to the death of the cross.

Christ is offering us His throne. There is no higher throne. It is the position of highest authority in the universe.

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Revelation 3:21

He says, 'I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises.'

Hebrews 2:12

The Lord Jesus has declared the Name of the Father to us, His brothers.

In the second Psalm, the Father invited His Son to pray for the nations and the uttermost parts of the earth.

But the Word cannot inherit us merely by creating us. He has to gain our love and trust. In order to do this, He Himself had to be born of woman. Also, He had to redeem us from the authority and power of sin and death.

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Hebrews 2:14, 15

For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2:17, 18

Since we share the heavenly calling with the Lord, we are to look to Him at all times in every area and situation of our life on earth.

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.

Hebrews 3:1

He Takes Away the First

Your life makes an important statement about the mystery and the majesty of God.

Behold, I have come to do your will. He takes away the first that he may establish the second.

Hebrews 10:9

Whereas this One [Christ], after He had offered a single sacrifice for our sins [that shall avail] for all time, sat down at the right hand of God,

Then to wait until His enemies should be made a stool beneath His feet.

Hebrews 10:12-13

Jesus was given His physical body when He came “into the world”. His Church – *sons of Zadok* is to be salt and light, His witness. God is presently establishing throughout the nations a people for His name, the expressed manifestation of the life and ministry of the Pattern Son. ***As He is, so are we in this world (1 Jn. 4:17b).***

God’s sons, under Christ, are the rulers and judges of the world to come. God wants to be sure of our obedience, humility, and love, before He entrusts us with the rod of iron of the Spirit of God.

Let us not be among those who neglect our great inheritance as sons of God. Let us lay aside all else in order to gain Christ. If we do this, God will regard Himself as our God and us as His sons.