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Submitting to the identity of Christ in the new creation

Who are we in Christ? Part 1 of a 2 part series

John the beloved had some of the **most profound and intimate** revelations regarding the love of the Father God for His children. For lack of knowledge, the question of identity as a child of God has plagued so many believers. Those who have boldly asserted their identity as “**the sons of God**” have been construed as blasphemous or prideful and maligned with some new age or eastern philosophy. Yet the true image of pride is sometimes hidden in a false humility of worthlessness and an attempt to gain the favors of God by works in the face of **God’s bold and unwavering pronouncement revealed in the word that says ”But as many as received Him to them God gave the power to become the sons of God”**. (John 1:10-11)

I know this subject is a basic of the faith. However and unfortunately it is in the basics that many believers have failed to build a proper foundation in their spiritual walk thus ensuing for a life not solid on the revelation of the Christ, which is the revelation Jesus said he will build his church on. (**Matthew 16:18**) The issue is not whether we know by mental assent who we are in Christ but rather an abiding and growing revelation in our spirit and the captivity of our soul by it. The true test of what we claim to believe comes when our world is rocked by the tests, trials and tribulations of life that come to contradict the promises of the word of God and our response to God in the midst of those situations. If we are truly **growing** in the **knowledge** of Him and who we are in Christ and are **continually** crying out to Him and allowing Him to **do his work in our hearts** then Satan, the world and the flesh will not **increasingly** prevail over us.

If God verbally declared the son ship of Jesus as we learnt from August’s teaching, then those of us who now believe must allow the Father to imprint and continually affirm that truth in our hearts knowing that **our position as children of the heavenly Father is determined by nothing else other than been in Him and who we are in Christ**. The word affirms that those who now believe in Jesus by faith have been justified (i.e. brought into right relationship with God as though we never sinned) and have peace with God (i.e. we are no longer at enmity with God). If the enemy of your soul is buffeting you at this moment with a heap load of condemnation, questioning the authenticity of your salvation because you sinned, did something foolish, erroneous or what ever it may be or not be, then confess your sin to God who is faithful to forgive you of all sins, cleanse you of all unrighteousness and restore you back into fellowship (**1John 1:9**) Then you take your place as a child of the Father God by His word and **command the devil** to take a hike.

Therefore, having been reconciled to God we became children by adoption (Galatians 4:1-7) **loved of the Father just as much as Jesus is loved of the Father (John 17:23)** and inherited all that the Father has given to the Son. This lavish and reckless display of love was so overwhelming to John the beloved that for

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lack of words he declared, “ **behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons (literarily children) of God.** My friend if you truly know how much God loves you, you will not go through life with your head slumped (living with an inferiority good for nothing mentality) but poised **In Him** beholding Christ and conducting yourself as a child at peace with and inheritor of all that the Father is and has in Christ.

The bible boldly declares, “**We are accepted in the beloved**” (**Ephesians1: 6**) who is Jesus the Christ and the only begotten Son of the Father God. Now that you are In Christ the beloved, you have become the beloved son/daughter of The Father by virtue of been In Christ the beloved. As God sees you In Christ the beloved, He declares behold/ take a look at Susan, Robin, Heather, Lisa, Laurel, Jane, Stacy, Dave, Mitch, Ken, Steve, David, Chris, _____ (or whatever your name may be) my beloved child in whom I am well pleased. Yes the Father corrects, prunes, chastises, reproves according to scriptures because He loves us and though the process is not joyful for the moment it brings out of us the peaceable fruit of righteousness that we may be thoroughly furnished, equipped and ready to participate in all good works as we are led by the Holy Spirit. Whatever your present experience, the Father in Christ the beloved accepts you. He loves you so much more than you know and understand. **In his hands become a child (you will not grow in maturity in this life without becoming a child in His hands) trusting Him and as The Holy Spirit molds you into the image of Christ the beloved, then and only then will you become the man/woman of God the Father wants seen who is Christ in you, the only hope of the church and a lost world.**

Who are we In Christ? **1 Peter 2:9** says “**But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated/holy nation, God’s own purchased and special people...**” Wow. What a heart/mouthful. You see the bible says we did not choose God but He chose us, calling us (by the word of His power) out of the dominion and power of the kingdom of darkness into the marvelous light of the kingdom of His Son Jesus, The Christ. In the latter part of verse 10 it says that once we were not pitied “**but now have obtained mercy**”. My dear I am here to tell you by the authority of the scriptures that as a child of God, chosen by Him, you have been elevated into the position of royalty and priesthood and **marked with the mercy of His spirit. God’s mercy is upon your life whether you know it or not.** If that doesn’t make you want to shout, praise, worship or dance before the Lord, I don’t know what else will. Dearly beloved, **we can only walk in the reality of what we know and believe.** The time to search the scriptures, believe and walk in them by the power of the Holy Spirit in submission to **Christ in us** is now, in a progression that will bring about maturity revealing ABBA’S children loving Him, one another and a lost world.

Lastly, as new creations in Christ the bible declares in **2 Corinthians 5:17** that God “**hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.** And the epistles are full of references to our righteous standing with God in Christ. We will continue and conclude this part of our study on our identity with the next teaching due October 1st. As we conclude this portion today, I sense an urging in my spirit to say what I am about to say. I strongly believe that when we get to heaven and come face to face with the knowledge of the eternal, intense, unconditional, merciful, compassionate, sustaining, provisional and enriching love of our Father God for us in Christ Jesus we will fall before Him and weep because we not only break His heart in not receiving and appropriating the measure of that benefit He intended for us but robbed ourselves as well. The bible does not say there will be no tears in heaven. What it says is that “God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes” (Revelations 7: 17 & 21:4) Where? In heaven. At a point and time with the new heavens and earth, The Father’s love will wipe away all tears, then there will be no more tears. Do you know that The Lord Jesus now in heaven looks at His Church and the lost both

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whom He loves and there are certain things that cause Him to weep? Children of God, it is time to rise up to who we are in Christ as Children of and at peace with God, royalty, priests, a holy nation, righteous, accepted, loved as much as Jesus is loved of the Father God and the list goes on and on. That is you in Christ. It is your heritage in Christ. Come on up in submission to Him. Alleluia.

Shalom,

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