

Sons of God, Part 3

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DISCUSSION QUESTION: Do you understand your rights as a son of God? Can you name some of those rights?

REVIEW:

1. Remarkable Son

John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* [KJV]

2. Revealing of Sons

Romans 8:18-19 *"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God."* [ESV]

TODAY:

3. Rights of Sons of God Galatians 3:24 – 4 :7

4:7 *'So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.'* [ESV]

When I mention that you have rights as a Son of God, what visual do you get?

- Do you see yourself running around chasing them?
- Or do you see a freedom to operate within those rights?

I want to speak of a few rights (certainly not all) that we have because we are sons of God.

As a Son we are:

a. Free from Schoolmaster

vs. 24 – 27 *"So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all **sons of God, through faith.** 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."*

The law was our schoolmaster or our guardian. The word is an interesting visual. It is a servant whose responsibility was to take care of the children of a household and to lead them to and bring them back from school. The servant was there to make sure they were getting to where they were supposed to be. The servant was there to restrain the children from evil and temptation. The guardian was to get them to the instructor!

The purpose of the law was to direct us to the real Teacher.

WE ARE SONS; one of our rights is that we are free from the law...

As a Son we are:

b. Abraham's Seed

vs. 28 – 29 *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are **Abraham's offspring**, heirs according to promise."*

If you are Christ's you ARE Abraham's seed. The promise to Abraham is that in him all would be blessed!

Genesis 12:2-3 *"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."* [KJV]

WE ARE SONS! Blessed and able to be a blessing! You are not too blessed to be stressed but you are blessed in the mess of this sin filled life!

As a Son we are:

c. No Longer Slaves

Ch. 4:1 – 5 *"I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. 3 In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. 4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."*

"He (Paul) teaches that spirits of the animistic or demonic dimension in the world find easy allegiance with the rituals and philosophies of human religion and tradition." (Spirit Filled Life Bible, page 1711)

As a Son we are:

d. Holy Spirit Directed

vs. 6 *"And because you are sons, **God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts**, crying, "Abba! Father!"*

WE ARE SONS! A right to be directed by the Holy Spirit

As a Son we:

e. Share in Rights

vs. 7 *"So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then **an heir through God.**"*