

The Privilege and Power of Sons of God Pt 2!

1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation (**handpicked by genes**), a royal priesthood (**king-priests**), an holy nation (**separated nation**), a peculiar people (**a people belonging to God**)!

The Kingdom of God is made up of the family of God!

A handpicked, regenerated, and separated people who by the grace of God have been made **The sons of God**.

The Father desires a **holy family; sons** to inherit The Kingdom!

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave the power (**authority to begin becoming**) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Though we are at this present time sons of God, the totality of this fact has **not** fully manifest because **we are still becoming!**

All we have is what The Bible says about sonship!

ESV Luke 20:36 for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

We are equal to Jesus the first-born son, after the resurrection of our bodies we cannot die anymore! (Joint-heirs with Christ) **Rom 8:17**.

We will be **equal** to the angels, with great power and might!

2 Peter 2:11 Angels, who have more strength and power...

Psalm 103:20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Our exercising the **gifts of the Spirit** is **training for reigning and schooling for ruling!**

According to **Heb 6:5** it's a taste of the powers of the world to come! Biblically speaking **children possess the character of their fathers**.

Because they bear the **name** (nature, character & reputation) of their fathers.

Being called (given the title & position) a son has is a great honor!

KJV Ephesians 2:6 And hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Being raised together and given a new name, rank, and status in The Universe!

ESV Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places...

The Blessings are spiritual because the place is spiritual, Heavenly!

Heaven is eternal, our greatest blessings will be in eternity!

Many in the ancient world believed the heavens had levels (often three or seven), that different spiritual beings (various kinds of angels, demons, stars, etc.) lived in with different levels based on rank.

That God and the purest spiritual beings lived in the highest heaven.

They believed the spirits of the righteous live with God after death.

The Heavenly realms mean both the realm where the devil and his demons live and where God and His pure, holy, and most beautiful of all creations lived.

KJV Psalm 97:9 For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

All other spirits are ranked under Christ & the church!

KJV Psalm 110:1 <A Psalm of David.> The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Our understanding of sonship can **only** be seen in Christ, our understanding of who want God The Father has done for us is one of

Paul's greatest desire for the church is seen in this prayer.

Ephesians 1:17-23

This is considered one of the apostle Paul's great prayers for the church!

Ephesians 1:15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,

16 I never stop thanking God for you. I always remember you in my prayers.

17 I pray that the glorious Father, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Christ better.

This was a common saying of Paul in his letters to the churches!

Col 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

Philippians 1:9 I pray that your love will keep on growing because of your knowledge and insight.

As our knowledge of Christ increases, we grow to love Him more; as we love Christ more we also grow in our love for the saints, His family, which is His Body!

As this happens, we also increase in our revelation knowledge, discernment and spiritual understanding!

So, with that understanding let's take a closer look at Paul's prayer!

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Paul prays for the church to get a greater **understanding of (Christ) The Anointed One and His anointing upon us!**

Does the church **truly understand** the anointing upon us, and do we truly understand the anointing we carry as individuals?

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,

Paul asks for our hearts to be more open to have greater insight and deeper knowledge of what God has called us to become & experience.

That we know the glorious riches we will inherit!

19 You will also know the unlimited greatness of his power as it works with might and strength for us, the believers.

Knowing the unlimited greatest of His power that is working on our behalf all the time! We're constantly receiving strength from God!

After Jesus fasted and was tempted in the wilderness **angels** came down and strengthen Him. (Matt 4:11)

When Jesus was in The Garden of Gethsemane just before His crucifixion, when the disciples got weary again angels came and strengthened Him. (Luke 22:43)

At Jesus' weakest moments God's strength was available!

20 He worked with that same power in Christ when he brought him back to life and gave him the highest position in heaven.

When Satan, his demons and the world thought they had gotten rid of Jesus, The Father's power raised Him from the dead!

We have got to know it's the exact same power The Father used when He raised Jesus from the dead that's working in us and for us!

Raising Him up and seating Christ on the right hand of God in the highest position in the universe.

21 He is far above all rulers, authorities, powers, lords, and all other names that can be named, not only in this present world but also in the world to come.

Christ brought the saints with Him to the highest seat of authority!

The scripture says **far above** meaning a rank the far exceeds any of the high-ranking positions held by others.

Specifically mentioning “*rulers, authorities, powers, lords, and all other names that can be named, not only in this present world but also in the world to come.*”

There are **no** spiritual **rulers, authorities, powers, or lords** over God’s people, accept Christ who we willingly give our lives to!

22 God has put everything under the control of Christ. He has made Christ the head of everything for the good of the church.

23 The church is Christ's body and completes him as he fills everything in every way.

God has given us a seat, (with Him) while He prepares the table! All we have to do is sit down and wait (serve like a waiter) while the table is being prepared

GWN Psalm 110:1 A psalm by David. *The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit in the highest position in heaven until I make your enemies your footstool."*

We must learn more about our **position and focus less on our **condition**!**

But first we have to go beyond the foundational teachings about Christ e.g. **He was born in a manger in swaddling clothes etc.**

GWN Hebrews 6:1 *With this in mind, we should stop going over the elementary truths about Christ and move on to topics for more mature people. We shouldn't repeat the basics about turning away from the useless things we did and the basics about faith in God.*

Princes are trained differently than regular children, they learn the basic ABC’s of course but they also learn foreign languages, diplomacy and the Art of War.

They must learn what it means to be a **royal**, the incredible responsibility they have to The Kingdom.

Princes are taught **The Language of Kings!**