

The Spirit Cries Father!

SONS OF GOD

Galatians 3

26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
28 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 seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 4

1 Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all,
2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.
3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.
4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.
6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"
7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

"For you are all the sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus... for you are all one in Christ Jesus"

- Paul is writing to people who were ONCE LABELLED. Jew, Greek, Gentile, Male, Female, Slave, Free... ONE IN CHRIST JESUS!! (Eph 2:11-22)
- They are ALL Abraham's seed!! All God's children of faith! Not divided, not joined but ONE! (Israel/Zion/Faithline) No labels.
- All have been adopted! All are brought into the family! All have the privilege to call God FATHER!
- It really is only faith that can begin to understand and appreciate this. All of us sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

"God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

- (Picture of Trinity) GOD THE FATHER, sent THE SPIRIT of HIS SON into our hearts!! Oh, let's give that some thought!
- The Spirit of HIS Son who died because of MY SIN so that I/we can call Him FATHER!!
- Truly this is the Glory of God! This is THE GOSPEL! This is GOD'S GLORY!! The Father has sent the Spirit of His Son into OUR hearts!

"Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ"

- Consider here the parable of the prodigal. To be His slave in His House would be blessed enough!! But we are HIS SONS!!

Luke 15

17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,
19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."
20 "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.
21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'
22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.
23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry;
24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. And they began to be merry.

- We are so undeserving, but we are so incredibly blessed!! Daily!
- May we have the faith to live as His child. Not as a slave to law, not as fatherless and undisciplined but as SONS OF GOD!

John 17

15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.
16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.
18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.
19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.
20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;
21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.
22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one;
23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

May we learn to live as sons. This is the longing and desire of God!! He has adopted us to live as HIS CHILDREN!
It is God's desire to be OUR FATHER!!

THE HEART OF HIS CHILD

Romans 8

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.
15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

- HIS Spirit cries out to HIS Father. Do we recognise that cry in our hearts? The cry of His life? The cry of a child in love with their father?
- Let us seek out what it means to really live as HIS children. In each day and moment. This heart cannot be taught/learned.

Luke 11

2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

- Do we ask our Heavenly Father for Bread, Fish, Water, The Holy Spirit? Do we come to Him as OUR FATHER?

- This is not mere poetry or pleasant platitude! This is The Gospel!

- We will pray differently when He is our Father.

Matthew 18

2 He called a little child to him and placed the child among them.

3 And said, Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like little children, you can never enter the kingdom of heaven [at all].

4 Whoever will humble himself therefore and become like this little child [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving] is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

- Through faith in Christ Jesus He is OUR FATHER!!

- Consider the joy of a child, the confidence of a child, the love, trust and admiration of a child.

- Consider also the dependence of a child, the obedience of a child, the beauty of a wise son.

The Spirit of The Son Cries out FATHER!! It is His desire that we call upon Him! Call upon your Father for help, for HIS Life, for HIS Wisdom and blessing. Cry out to The Father to establish you in His Word and in His testimony!
