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I. Living a Life of Love or a Life of Law?

“Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. “He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.”

- Malachi 4:5-6

A. Characteristics of Son vs. Orphan Thinking

- ❖ How can you be a father, have a father’s heart, if you have never been a son?
- ❖ A son is an individual, who has accepted Christ, who lives like they have a Home – a place where there is: warmth, protection, security, identity, sense of purpose, sense of destiny comforted, protected, intimate dialogue, sharing at the heart level without fear, a place where you can be yourself and in being yourself be accepted and loved.
- ❖ Most live life like they do not have a home. They strive, struggle and are full of anger, disappointment and discouragement.

“You will either live your life like you have a home or you will live like you do not. “

- Henri Nouven

- ❖ You either live your life hearing the voice of the Father saying, you are the one I love and I am well pleased ... let me hold you, let me walk with you, let’s talk all day...Or you live as an orphan.
- ❖ A son lives a life of continually receiving His Father’s love and giving it away.
- ❖ An Orphan lives listening to the father of lies saying things like: Nobody cares about you, they don’t like you, he walked right by you and didn’t say hi to you...A voice that is always condemning and accusing.
- ❖ 80% of Christians live listening to and living by the negative voices of the powers of darkness, *living life like we do not have a home.*

- ❖ In this hour the Father is restoring the heart of the Father to His children. Until that happens there is a curse on the land; The curse of Fatherlessness.

B. Spiritual Warfare Over Sonship

- ❖ There are 2 spirits on the land:
 1. The spirit of sonship
 2. The orphan spirit
- ❖ The orphan heart will always fight for domination over the ones with true sonship.
- ❖ Even though the Arabs own 50 times more land than the Jews own, they will do anything to take the last bit away from the true sons of Abraham, the sons of promise.
- ❖ What we see happening in the natural is also happening in the spiritual... It happens within the church.
- ❖ Orphans fight for a place in the Father's heart. This orphan spirit can be a demonic spirit, but certainly it is at least a heart attitude over a person, city, a nation.
- ❖ Wherever there is an orphan heart, you get up in the morning and feel that you do not belong and are not accepted at work, or church, etc. There is no sense that you are accepted just the way you are; there is an urge to perform in order to be loved and accepted.
- ❖ Before revival comes there must be, a revelation of the Father's love.
- ❖ You cannot cast out an orphan heart, only introduce it to the Father and allow the father's heart to dispossess the orphan heart.
- ❖ If you have an orphan heart you will battle depression every day of your life. You can go through deliverance, carpet time, amazing worship, etc, but when you get home you don't feel safe, secure; you have no sense of destiny or purpose, no inner peace or rest.
- ❖ Saul, one with an orphan heart, called for David, one who had the heart of the Father, to come and play for him to give him relief from the tormenting spirits.

“So it came about whenever the evil spirit from God came to Saul, David would take the harp and play it with his hand; and Saul would be refreshed and be well, and the evil spirit would depart from him.”
- 1 Samuel 16:23

C. God Is Looking For A Home

“We have come to know and believe this love God has for us.”
- 1 John 4:16

- ❖ Separates knowing and believing
- ❖ You either live your life like you have a home or you don't
- ❖ Do you live your life like heaven is your home?
- ❖ Do you live like God is your Father?

“No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God (Son) who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.”
- John 1:18

“Thus says the LORD, “Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest?”
- Isaiah 66:1

- ❖ God is looking for a home...We must be at home in the Father's heart.

“In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.”
- John 14:2-3

- ❖ In Dad's home there is a place for you. We can only be at home in the heart of the Father

“Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it.”
- Hebrews 4:10-11

“For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.”

- Hebrews 4:1

❖ Few have entered into a place of rest.

D. Three Kingdom Principle of Subjection

1. Example of Jesus

“Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast; and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But His parents were unaware of it, but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day’s journey; and they began looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem looking for Him. Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. When they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You.” And He said to them, “Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s house?” But they did not understand the statement which He had made to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”

- Luke 2:41-52

❖ His suffering was to be obedient to his parents even though they did not see or comprehend the seriousness of His time spent with the Pharisees and Sadducees. When you are subject to the natural, when you serve the authorities over you, then you will receive unmerited favor, then you are ready/can be subject to the spiritual...First the natural then the spiritual.

“Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, “You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.”

- Luke 3:21-22

- ❖ Because Jesus was subject to his parents/those in authority...from 12 years old to 30 years old He was underneath his father. Then, ministry began, subjection to the earthly gained favor with the heavenly

2. Son vs. Slave

“Now I say, as long as the heir is a child (orphan/babe/nepios), he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father.”

- Galatians 4:1-2

- ❖ Until you learn to serve (submission to another) you will not lead! If you find yourself in leadership w/o this you are dangerous!
- ❖ Not talking about staying under spiritual abuse
- ❖ It is about laying down your mission to come under the mission of another. Humbling yourself by serving the mission of some one else.
- ❖ Serving the mission of someone else is preparation for coming under the Father's mission for you and finding favor with God.

“If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love (serve) his brother whom he has seen, cannot love (serve) God whom he has not seen”

- 1 John 4:20

- ❖ You cannot receive it without submitting to it.
- ❖ How can you submit to God whom you cannot see if you cannot submit to man who you can see?

3. New Haven Government

- ❖ Our entire system at New Haven is one of subjection and submission, cooperation and team building. The team is subject to their team leader. The team leader receives wisdom and perspective from the team. Working on teams builds mutual submission and humility.
- ❖ Submit to another in ministry and find favor with God BUT OFTEN. Instead we launch into ministry and try to find favor with God.
- ❖ Being subject to authorities: parents, boss, team leader, pastor, is the road to success in the Kingdom; any other way is Orphan.

- ❖ Again, this is not referring to remaining under abusive authority. David had to leave Saul's house when his life was threatened. But even after he left he continued to have a spirit of subjection to Saul's office as King/the Lord's anointed.
- ❖ You will be subject to someone's mission; either the Father's or the father of lies.
- ❖ Six Benefits That Occur When You Are Submitted to a Leader:

"You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you."

- 1 Peter 5:5-10

1. Clothed with humility which comes from humbling oneself under authority. That simple attitude performed cloths us with the Spirit of Christ. You cannot get it on your own. He gives it to you as you humble yourself.
2. Grace to the humble, opposed to proud and grace to the humble. Grace: God's ability.
3. Under God's hand, exalted into the Father's presence. Often healing does not occur because fear and anxiety is present.
4. He exalts you; coming under a leader creates a natural relationship that propels you into a spiritual relationship with the Father. No self promotion, God does it. *"First the natural then the spiritual."* – 1Cor. 15:46
5. Ability to resist temptation
6. Maturity; Perfect, confirm and establish you.

E. The Love Motivation

“If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.”

- 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

- ❖ Move mountains, give life on mission field, heal the sick, cast out devils...Do these things determine how anointed you are, or if you know God? Love is the goal.

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

- John 13:34-35

- ❖ The Father’s mission is to see that every person experiences His love.
- ❖ Our mission is to be at home in love and share it with all those we meet. We live either aligned with the Father and His mission or with the father of lies and his mission thinking “I will do it my way,” aligns us with Satan’s mission.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you...“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.”

- John 14:18, 23

- ❖ I will not leave you as orphans. You can have a home. He wants you to live like you have a home. Orphans think the only way they can get anything is to take it.

“For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”

- Romans 8:15

- ❖ Spirit of adoption: You can legally be a son but live as an orphan ... sons cry “Abba”

“It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?”

- Hebrews 12:7

- ❖ If you are not able to receive guidance, direction or correction you are an orphan.
- ❖ If you have trouble going to a father when you are hurting it is because a father will not allow you to focus your pain on everyone else, but requires you to deal with your hurt/pain and how you carry your heart.
- ❖ Unconditional love displayed displaces the orphan heart...being subject to the Father's mission and Live! Hebrews 12:9

II. 12 Steps to Orphan Thinking

“So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.”

- Ephesians 4:17-24

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

- Romans 12:1-2

- ❖ As a small child you are introduced to a father and a mother, but what happens if this father and mother aren't perfect? What if they reject you?

A. Twelve Steps Toward Oppression

1. We focus on the fault we see in parental authority, and hurt people hurt people. We all have defense mechanisms...and we begin to set them up to create a barrier between us and the fault we see in others.
2. We see the faults, broken promises, disappointments, discouragement, grief, and receive it as rejection and woundedness.
3. Loss of basic trust in parental authority...you might still trust that the individual is a good person but you have lost basic trust of them getting too close. Everyone has been hurt in church, by spouse, parents, a friend...life is a life of pain. So we lose basic trust and begin to live behind a wall of security never sharing our true feelings because we have lost basic trust in individuals and prefer that they keep their distance. So we do not have transparency and genuineness, we are not real in our relationships. It is all about news, sports and weather ... superficial stuff. Because of the loss of basic trust.

- ❖ Trust – the capacity to hold your heart open to others even when you believe their intentions are not the best for you. As soon as you believe someone desires to take advantage of you or wants something from you what do you do? Shutdown, reject them, avoid them.
 - ❖ Trust is not an issue between you and others it is an issue between you and God. Coming into sonship means you take on the character of Christ and walk in meekness and self control. You cast all your cares on Him. See you do not have to “blow up” or have an “attitude” anymore which has just been your way of exercising control over others.
 - ❖ The revelation of the Father’s love is rooted not in what others think but what Father thinks about me. Living life like I have a home...I do not have to take on the same spirit as those who are “coming at me” but what comes is God’s grace.
 - ❖ When you risk being vulnerable you are exhibiting basic trust. Trust is being able to not be moved by the weaknesses of others and not run away. So when aggressiveness comes at me I can stand in confidence in the Father’s love.
4. We move into fear and cannot receive love, comfort and admonition from others.
 5. Closed spirit
 6. Independent self reliant attitude...“I’ll do it myself.” Isolation.
 7. Controlling our relationships...fear of being hurt.
 8. Relationships superficial...fear of opening our hearts to others
 9. Ungodly belief...Orphans say, “No one will be there for me...I’ll have to do it myself.”
 10. Live life like an orphan...will have to fight, argue and wrangle for everything
 11. No safe place...Seek love in all the wrong places. Seek counterfeit affections. Passions of the flesh, whatever comforts the flesh...Possessions, position, praise of man, power. “I’m in control of my own destiny, life, do not need anyone or anything.”
 12. Life of oppression

B. Revelation of the Father

“God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline...Shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?...He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”

- Hebrews 12:7-11

- ❖ Subject to father’s discipline? If so Life, Peace and Intimacy ...If not, spiritual orphan.

“Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner”.

- John 5:19

- ❖ There is coming a spirit in the last days that will restore hearts of fathers to children and children to fathers...This will happen when the orphan spirit is broken.

“For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”

- Romans 8:14

- ❖ The sons are lead by the spirit of God ... a fathering spirit “being led” – the picture this word gives is like leading an animal (horse) by a lead rope.
- ❖ Anything not subject to the Father’s mission...is orphan.

“Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.”

- John 14:8-10

- ❖ Philip was with Jesus but had not received the revelation of the Father...Because he had not submitted to the Father’s plan...The disciples were working their own plan.

- ❖ The Holy Spirit’s power poured out on an orphan heart will not result in a sustained move of God.
- ❖ However, when the Holy Spirit’s power is poured out on the heart of a Son, the result is that the will of the Father is accomplished on earth as it is in heaven!

Orphan Heart

Heart of a Son

See God as Master	IMAGE OF GOD	See God as a loving Father
Independent / Self reliant	DEPENDENCY	Interdependent / Acknowledges Need
Live by the Love of Law	THEOLOGY	Live by the Law of Love
Insecure / Lack peace	SECURITY	Rest and Peace
Strive for the praise, approval, and acceptance of man	NEED FOR APPROVAL	Totally accepted in God’s love and justified by grace
A need for personal achievement as you seek to impress God and others, or no motivation to serve at all	MOTIVE FOR SERVICE	Service that is motivated by a deep gratitude for being unconditionally loved and accepted by God
Duty and earning God’s favor or no motivation at all	MOTIVE BEHIND CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES	Pleasure and delight
“Must” be holy to have God’s favor, thus increasing a sense of shame and guilt	MOTIVE FOR PURITY	“Want to” be holy; do not want anything to hinder intimate relationship with God
Self rejection from comparing yourself to others	SELFIMAGE	Positive and affirmed because you know you have such value to God
Seek comfort in counterfeit affections: addictions, compulsions, escapism, busyness, hyper-religious activity	SOURCE OF COMFORT	Seek times of quietness and solitude to rest in the Father’s presence and love
Competition, rivalry, and jealousy toward others’ success and position	PEER RELATIONSHIPS	Humility and unity as you value others and are able to rejoice in their blessings and success
Accusation and exposure in order to make yourself look good by making others look bad	HANDLING OTHERS’ FAULTS	Love covers as you seek to restore others in a spirit of love and gentleness
See authority as a source of pain; distrustful toward them and lack a heart attitude of submission	VIEW OF AUTHORITY	Respectful, honoring; you see them as ministers of God for good in your life
Difficulty receiving admonition; you must be right so you easily get your feelings hurt and close your spirit to discipline	VIEW OF ADMONITION	See the receiving of admonition as a blessing and need in your life so that your faults and weaknesses are exposed and put to death
Guarded and conditional; based upon others’ performance as you seek to get your own needs met	EXPRESSION OF LOVE	Open, patient, and affectionate as you lay your life and agendas down in order to meet the needs of others

Conditional & Distant	SENSE OF GOD'S PRESENCE	Close & Intimate
Bondage	CONDITION	Liberty
Feel like a Servant/Slave	POSITION	Feel like a Son/Daughter
Spiritual ambition; the earnest desire for some spiritual achievement and distinction and the willingness to strive for it; a desire to be seen and counted among the mature.	VISION	To daily experience the Father's unconditional love and acceptance and then be sent as a representative of His love to family and others.
Fight for what you can get!	FUTURE	Sonship releases your inheritance!

III. Sons Receive an Inheritance, Orphans Don't

A. Two Types of Obedience

“Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. “And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things could be. “And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound.’ “But he became angry and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began pleading with him. “But he answered and said to his father, ‘Look! For so many years I have been serving you and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends; but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.’ “And he said to him, ‘Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours. ‘But we had to celebrate and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.”

- Luke 15:25-32

- ❖ Truth – I have been serving you, I have never neglected a command of yours.
- ❖ Fault/Woundedness – Yet you have never given me a young goat.
- ❖ Doing all the right things but not having the Father's heart...we had to celebrate and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.
- ❖ Orphan thinking... “It is all about me.”
- ❖ Living in the Father's house, but just as much a prodigal as the younger son
- ❖ It is easier to come home and have your stomach filled than to undergo a heart change.
- ❖ The elder son's attitude toward his younger brother revealed his orphan heart. Fighting, competitive, angry because Father blessed someone else and had not blessed him.
- ❖ How do you feel when the Holy Spirit falls on the church down the street, how do you feel when your friend/brother/sister/ gets the big raise, the new car, the dream vacation?

- ❖ As Orphans we value the Father for what He can do for us...not for intimacy and love.
- ❖ Outwardly it looks like we are subject to the Father's mission...But often we are in agreement with the Father of lies...Because as soon as something happens that we do not like we find out if we have been obedient for love or for what we are going to get out of it.
- ❖ The younger son was all about what he could get from his father, not about relationship.
- ❖ The older son was all about "keeping the rules."

B. Gaining Our Inheritance

- ❖ In the church, a pastor builds a ministry and raises up young leaders around him until something happens that they don't like. Then they say, "I want my inheritance now", and they either find a way to take over or they move out and take others with them to start a "new" work...THIS IS AN ORPHAN SPIRIT AT WORK!
- ❖ Orphans do not feel other people's pain; they do not feel the arrows they loose into other people's hearts. All they know is that they are right.
- ❖ If powerful revival falls and it lands upon orphan hearts and there is not a transformation to the heart of the Father, what would happen? Orphans would consume the blessings of God upon their own lusts because it not an issue about love.
- ❖ Whose son are you...whose inheritance are you drawing from?
- ❖ Elijah and Elisha: If you are there when I leave, then you will receive a double portion. For years Elisha had to resist the temptation to have his inheritance now, he had to stay under submission and subjection to his "father's" mission in order to get his true inheritance.
- ❖ The Father says "Give yourself to subjection, submission, get under, serve, humility"
- ❖ Father of lies says "Be independent, my way, my will, self-reliance, no emotion, no feelings"

❖ EXAMPLES:

Elisha	served	Elijah	resulted in double anointing
Jacob	served	Laban	resulted in the birth of a nation
Daniel	served	Nebuchadnezzar	resulted in high position

Gehazi	usurped	Elisha	resulted in Leprosy
Absalom	usurped	David	resulted in death
Peter	usurped	Jesus	openly rebuked

IV. Receiving the Father's Love

A. 8 Steps to Position Your Heart for Sonship

1. Forgive parental authority for each misrepresentation of the Father's love
2. There may be a need for you to ask forgiveness of your mother and father
3. Acknowledging our need to be a son or daughter to someone else is profitable for us. We need to have a spirit of submission. The prodigal son, in a foreign land among the swine, became aware of his need ...displacing the orphan spirit begins with being aware of the need to be free.

“Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bond-slaves of God. Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king. Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.”

- 1 Peter 2:16-20

- ❖ Submission with honor gives you authority to change the system
4. You must forgive spiritual and governmental authorities for misrepresenting the Father's love to you.

“Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.”

- Romans 13:1-2

“Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.”

- 1 Peter 2:18

5. There may be a need for you to seek forgiveness from spiritual authorities for rebelling against them. Restitution maybe required.

6. Take captive and cast down any thoughts that are in agreement with the father of lies. Renounce daily the hidden lies and voice of the orphan heart. Renounce daily ungodly beliefs.

7. Sow into your inheritance.

“If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?”

- 1 Corinthians 9:11

“The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh (orphans) will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit (Sons sow into their inheritance) will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”

- Galatians 6:6-8

8. Receiving your inheritance abundance begins to come

- ❖ Ministry opportunities
- ❖ Financial resources
- ❖ To the nations

V. Becoming a Son

“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to promise.”

- Galatians 3:26-4:7

A. There is only one way to become a son; by faith in Christ Jesus

“...for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”

- Galatians 3:27

- ❖ In order to make a pickle, the vegetable should first be ‘dipped’ (bapto) into boiling water and then ‘baptised’ (baptizo) in the vinegar solution. Both verbs concern the immersing of vegetables in a solution. But the first is temporary. The second, the act of baptizing the vegetable, produces a permanent change. When used in the New Testament, this word more often refers to our union and identification with Christ than to our water baptism.

“He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.”

- Mark 16:16

- ❖ Christ is saying that mere intellectual assent is not enough. There must be a union with Him, a real change, like the vegetable to the pickle!
- ❖ Abraham is the Father of Faith. Salvation is a faith thing, not a nationality thing.

“When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.”
(speaking of this Roman centurion)

- Matthew 8:10

“And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.”

- Matthew 8:11

“But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness (Jews who are not in the faith): there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

- Matthew 8:12

“And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee.”

- Matthew 8:13

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

- 2 Corinthians 5:17

- ❖ You can be Jewish and not in the faith AND you can be born-again and not be a Son.

B. Sons Grow From Childhood to Maturity in Christ

“Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave, although he is owner of everything; but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father. So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world. But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba Father!’”

- Galatians 4:1-6

- ❖ Heir is a child
Child : nepios, nay'-pee-os: not speaking, a toddler, a babe.
What is a toddler like? Cannot talk, cannot feed itself, cannot clean itself
- ❖ Toddlers in bondage to the elemental spirits, in bondage to the same things that lost people are in bondage to.

“So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world.”

- Galatians 4:3

- ❖ Jesus fulfilled the Law

“But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.”

- Galatians 4:4-5

- ❖ What is the Biblical picture of adoption?
- ❖ Paul uses the image of adoption to illustrate the believer’s new relationship with God. In Roman culture, the adopted person lost all rights in his old family and gained all the rights of a legitimate child in his new family. He became a full heir to his new father’s estate. Likewise, when a person becomes a Christian, he gains all the privileges and responsibilities of a child in God’s family. One of these outstanding privileges is being led by the Spirit (see Galatians 4:1-7). We may not always feel like we belong to God, but the Holy Spirit is our witness. His inward presence reminds us of who we are and encourages us with His love (Romans 5:5).

- ❖ Spirit of His Son

“Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, ‘Abba, Father.’”

- Galatians 4:6

- ❖ *huios, hwee-os'* : a son that has been faithful and obedient and at the age of 30 has moved into his rightful inheritance. This is the word for son that describes a 30 year old that has served his father faithfully and now upon reaching the age of 30 moves into his inheritance and has the full authority and responsibility of his father.
- ❖ Son by Faith not by Time: He acts like his father, he thinks like his father. He speaks for his father, he looks like his father, etc.

VI. Warrior Sons Kathidzo

A. How Do We War? The Way Jesus said to: Kathidzo

- ❖ We are called not only as sons, but as warrior sons!

"Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword."

- Matthew 10:34

"From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it."

- Matthew 11:12

B. Two dimensions of the Cross:

1. A means of sacrifice; Forgiveness of sin.
2. Rendered Powers powerless

"When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him."

- Colossians 2:13-15

"And He said to them, "When I sent you out without money belt and bag and sandals, you did not lack anything, did you?" They said, "No, nothing." And He said to them, "But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one".

- Luke 22:35-36

- ❖ A Spiritual sword: Not a physical sword because Jesus rebuked Peter for drawing a sword...he that lives by the sword shall die by the sword.

- ❖ People were known by their outer garment. They did not have a lot of clothes, usually just one robe or cloak and you were recognized by it. Remember that Joseph had a coat or outer garment of many colors. Likewise, churches are known as being a certain way; kind & loving, Pastoral, A Fellowshiping Church, A Encouraging Church, etc. But many times a Warrior spirit is not there. You can love on people but have no power to set them free.
- ❖ At the end of Jesus' ministry He had produced a committed group of 120 people, who after 6 months from Jesus' ascension, had won 20,000!
- ❖ When Lazarus was raised it gained little attention. But when Peter and John healed a lame man the city was turned upside down. The difference was that the principalities and powers of the city were thrown down. How did this happen? The 120 did what Jesus told them in Luke 24:49.

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."
- Luke 24:49

"And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."
- Luke 24:49

C. Tarry, wait: stay

- ❖ Kathidzo – to sit down comfortably, upon a throne, in an attitude of belonging, this is where I belong, for the purposes of exercising governmental rule and authority.
- ❖ Jesus said "Ok guys, go to Jerusalem and Kathidzo..."
- ❖ Kathidzo is used 67 times in the New Testament.

"So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and Kathidzo at the right hand of God."
- Mark 16:19

- ❖ The Scribes and Pharisees understood this spiritual principle but misapplied it.
"The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses."
- Matthew 23:2

- ❖ Ceremonially seating themselves on Moses' seat (throne) when making a proclamation gave the proclamation authority.

- ❖ Roman Catholics do the same. The Pope when he is making a statement that is to become the law will sit on the Papal Throne and make the declaration. That declaration carries authority and all Catholics are obligated to comply. Jesus said there is a Kingdom Throne that He sits (Kathidzo) on and that Throne has authority! The angels enforce all that is spoken from that throne. What is the first thing Jesus does when He begins to teach? Kathidzo; He spoke from the throne/authority.

- ❖ A Roman Throne: All the power of Rome was behind him.

“When Pilate therefore heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.”

- John 19:13

- ❖ Paul Kathidzoed:

“But going on from Perga, they arrived at Pisidian Antioch, and on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.” (Kathidzo)

- Acts 13:14

“And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets the synagogue officials sent to them, saying, “Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it.”

- Acts 13:15

“And Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand, he said, “Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen.”

- Acts 13:16

“And he settled (Kathidzo) there(Corinth) a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.”

- Acts 18:11

- ❖ We Kathidzo with Him in Heavenly places. Jesus is telling us to learn to Kathidzo. Every time you teach/witness get on your throne. If you are a Parent and something comes against your spouse/children...get on your throne.

“I pray also 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 the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated

Him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under His feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.”

- Ephesians 1:18-2:6

D. Endued, clothed upon

- ❖ Graduation exercise put on the robe...after the ceremony take it off never to it on again. We must take not only our robes to work but our throne
- ❖ These 120 Kathidzo—ed in an upper room until they got this down into their spirit. Then they went out into the city and turned it upside down for Jesus.
- ❖ I have been raised up with Christ in order to Kathidzo with Him.