

# Servants or Heirs?

Children under bondage to the elements of the world have been redeemed by Jesus so that they could take their position as sons and heirs of God.

## Galatians 4:3-7

Once we have been redeemed we need to be careful that we do not submit ourselves again to the world's bondage.

## Galatians 4:9

### Galatians 4:22-31

Abraham had two sons. One son (Ishmael) was born to slavery through Hagar which represented the Old Covenant and the bondage that went with that administration. The other son (Isaac) was a product of God fulfilling His promise that he made to Abraham. He represented freedom and the New Covenant.

***Galatians 4:28** Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. **29** **But** as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. **30** Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. **31** So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.*

The son born after the flesh persecuted the son born after the spirit. That same persecution continues today. The things of the flesh and the things of the Spirit are incompatible and there will always be friction between them. Our flesh continually opposes the things of the Spirit.

The "slave born child" and the spirit born child do not share the same inheritance. A slave has no part of the inheritance that comes with being a son. Just as Abraham cast out Hagar and Ishmael, God tells us to cast out our "law thinking."

## **Born after the Flesh**

The child born of the slave was a servant of the law and was performance minded and sin conscience. A slave will never be a true member of the household. He does not have a share in the inheritance that a family member does.

### **Romans 3:23**

The fruit that a slave reaps from his efforts is guilt and condemnation. His position with the house he serves is conditional based on his performance.

**2 Corinthians 3:14** He is blind to the true things of the kingdom.

He always sees himself separated from God by his sins even though God does not see him that way.

**Isaiah 29:13** Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

A slave has an "us" and "Him" mentality that comes from carnal thinking. God says that we should not see men differently than we see God, but a slave that is caught up in slavery naturally sees things this way.

**James 3:9** With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men who were made in God's likeness! **10** Out of the same mouth come forth blessing and cursing. These things, my brethren, ought not to be so.

## Born of the Spirit-children of the free

The alienation between man and God that is in man's mind has been reconciled by Jesus's. He took our sins out of the way so that we could begin to see spiritual things.

**Colossians 1:21** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled **22** In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouable in his sight:

Children of the Spirit see themselves in a different light! True salvation involves coming to the knowledge of our God given inheritance and walking in it.

**Psalms 106:4** Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation; **5** That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

We are joint heir with Jesus. **Galatians 4:1-7**

Jesus was the first-born among many brethren. He was appointed heir of ALL things. He was the express image of his father.

**Hebrews 1:2** Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

**3** Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

He was different than the angels. He inherited a more excellent name.

**Hebrews 1:4** Being made so much better than the angels, as he

hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

**5** For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

He inherited all of the rights and privileges that go with being the Father's son, including the right to occupy the throne. Jesus is seated at the right hand of His Father. The right hand refers to the arm that naturally displays more strength. What this means is that Jesus became the direct display of the Father's strength on earth. Jesus is God's executor. In other words Jesus carried out the work of the Father on earth. He and the Father are synonymous.

**8** But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

The angels were created to be ministering spirits that minister to the saints and to the father. They surround the throne and cry "Holy, holy, holy." Yet, they were never created to inherit the things of the throne and of the kingdom. They are not heirs.

**Hebrews 1:6** And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. **7** And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. **13** But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? **14** Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

**Genesis 1:26-28** Mankind was created to be an heir.

**Hebrews 2:9-12** The position has been secured for us by Jesus. Jesus shared His glory with us and is not ashamed to call us brothers. We are the ones that somehow don't feel like we are worthy to be an equal brother with Jesus.

**John 1:12-13, 16** Jesus gave us the power to become sons of God who are born of God, not of the flesh. Jesus filled us with everything he is filled with.

**John 17:21-23**-We are filled with filled with His glory, His honor and we are one with Jesus and the Father.

**Ephesians 2:5-6** We are seated with Him in heavenly places.

For the most part, we agree that Jesus died for our sins, but we have never dared to fully assume our position as a joint heir. We have almost adopted the position of angels. We give Him glory and honor and we work for the kingdom, but we can not picture ourselves seated in heavenly places occupying the throne.

Unless we see that we have been filled with the same honor, glory and power that Jesus was filled with, we are only paying God lip service like the Pharisees did in **Isaiah 29:13**

God won't share his glory with anyone. He is the only one that can provide the quality of life that he intended for his children to have. He won't share his position as provider. But, as a father, he is willing to share everything that he has with his children. He supplies us with his fullness. Don't miss it! Take your rightful position as a son and joint heir. Jesus did!

#### **John 17:4**

Jesus came to be the display of the Father on this earth. The glory of God represents everything that defines God. The word "glorified" means a revelation with a manifestation. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit. He had a such a powerful Spirit initiated revelation of who his Father was that when people saw Jesus, they saw the Father.

**John 17:18, 20:21-23** Jesus tells us that we are to go and do likewise. **We have been anointed with the Holy Spirit.** We are "Jesus" to this World. When people see us they should see the Father. If we can't see that we are filled with his glory and his honor, how can the world see who they are? We reflect the Father's image.

**John 17:20** Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

Until we see that we are one with the Father, the world won't believe that God sent Jesus and that they are one with the Father. Why have we had an on-going identity crisis among CHRISTIANS? Because people who don't have a revelation of who they are are trying to tell us who we are.

**21** That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

**John 17:22** And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

Why has the world had a hard time understanding that God loves them? Because we don't know that we are one with the Father and we are the ones that portrays God to this world.

**23** I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

**Romans 8:16,19** All creation is waiting for the sons of God to manifest themselves. All humanity is searching for their identity! We we find ourselves and our identity, they will find theirs.

**John 3:2.** Nicodemus was attracted to Jesus because he knew that God was with Him. When we begin to see that God is with us, other people will begin to see who they really are and that is what they are looking for.

The only way to see this is to get a revelation of it by the Holy Spirit.

**2Corinthians 3:18** *But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

The Spiritual kingdom does not manifest itself through observation because it is a spiritual kingdom, not a physical kingdom. It manifests itself through getting a revelation of who we are because it is within us.

**Luke 17:20** And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: **21** Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.