

Servants or Heirs?

Introduction:

Hebrews 10:1-2 worshippers once purged should have no more conscience of sin

Christians seem to very conscious of their sins.

Hebrews 10:14-17,

V 18 There is no more offering for sin. Jesus sacrificed himself one time for ever. God is not sin conscious and yet we are very sin conscious.

Romans 7:6 The law has been done away with but our Christian lives seem to be rooted in the law

Galatians 3:3 We began in the Spirit. Are we now depending upon the flesh for perfection?

Law mentality produces spiritual blindness

2Corinthians 3:14 *But their minds were seem to be very blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.* **15** *But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.*

Are we spiritually blind? Have our eyes been spiritually blinded because we are focused on the things of Moses?

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Galatians 4:3-7 We were children living under the bondage of the law to elements of the world, but we have been redeemed to be sons and heirs.

Galatians 4:9 We need to be careful that we don't go back to the things of the law.

Galatians 4:21 Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

Do we not understand the effect that the law can have over us? Why would we want to go back to a system that never worked?

Galatians 4:22-31

Abraham had two sons. Ishmael was born of a slave woman. A slave reproduces a slave that will never be free. Ishmael represents who we are when we are focused on meeting the requirements of the Old Covenant, living our lives according to the law.

Isaac was the son of promise born of Sarah. He was born free. He represented the new Covenant and the freedom that we have when the New Covenant is our point of focus.

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.*

Those who follow the old covenant will not inherit the same things as those who follow the new covenant. The two covenants represent two opposing mindsets that can never be reconciled. The Old Covenant always challenges the freedom and deliverance from bondage that the New Covenant brings because according to the standards of the law we don't qualify to be heirs of God.

Isaac inherited everything that came with being Isaac's son. We inherit everything that comes with being a son of God.

The scriptures tell us to cast out the bondwoman. It is necessary to get rid of all of our law thinking that opposes us.

Revelations says the same thing in another way!

Revelations 3:14 *And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.*

The scripture is referring to the works of the church. The cold represents the law. If we follow the law exclusively it will lead us to the revelation that we need a savior because it is impossible to meet its conditions on our own.

The hot represents grace and the New Covenant. It represents walking in the power and victory that Jesus provided for us as our savior. If we follow it exclusively it will deliver us from the bondage of the law and set us free.

But if we mix the things of the two covenants together, the mixture will fail to produce the expected results of either covenant. The mixture is deadly and it is the cause for all of the frustration in the church and more than anything, God wants to deliver us from it. You can't mix law and grace. They are opposites.

Let's break it down and look at what it means to be a slave born after the flesh and what it means to be a son and compare the differences.

Born after the Flesh

A servant of the law is performance minded, sin conscience,
Occupied with the things of the law or perfecting the flesh.

Romans 3:23 No one can meet the requirements of the law.

A slave will never inherit the name of the household and is not entitled to any inheritance.

2 Corinthians 3:14 A servant has a law mentality and is spiritually blind.

A slave continually finds himself asking, Who am I in the presence of God?

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:

Servants feel separated from God by their sins. They have an "us and Him" mentality. God is God, and we are only sinners that can never measure up to his expectations.

This ought not be so!

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

Hebrews 10:14-We are free to be sons because we have been perfected forever.

Perfected means: completed, fulfilled, consecrate, finish
A son is qualified to walk in his Father's footsteps because he has been fulfilled or made complete through Jesus.

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:

Jesus died for our sins so that we could walk in our inheritance.

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.

Jesus was the first-born among many brethren. We are joint heirs with Jesus.

Galatians 4:4-7

6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.**7** Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God

Before we can see what it means for us to be an heir, first we need to see what it meant for Jesus to be an heir.

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. He inherited all of the rights and privileges that go with being his Father's son, including the right to occupy the throne.

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?

8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever:

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 In the beginning God created everything to bring forth after its kind, or to multiply itself. Mankind was created in the image of God so that he could multiply God and fill the earth with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.

In **Hebrews 2:1-3** We are told to take heed so that we don't neglect the inheritance that is ours because if we do, we will wind up walking back under the law with a slave mentality.

Hebrews 2:5-6 -God crowned man with glory and honor and put all of the work of his hands under the jurisdiction of man. God left nothing out! Everything was put under the subjection of man!

Hebrews 2:9-12 The position has been secured for us by Jesus. It is ours because Jesus gave it to us. Jesus shared His glory with us and is not ashamed to call us brothers. It is his pleasure to share His position as a son with us. We are the ones who don't feel qualified to walk with Jesus as a brother.

John 1:12-13, 16 Jesus exchanged his life for ours and filled us with his fulness. It was God's plan, not man's. Everything that Jesus is full of, we are full of. We inherit his glory, his honor, his position, and his inheritance is our in

John 17:21-23- Jesus filled with His glory, His honor, and He shared his position with the father with us. We are 1 with Father and Son.

Ephesians 2:5-6

Can you picture yourself seated in heavenly places sharing the same glory and honor that Jesus did? If you can't you are neglecting your salvation you are not walking in the inheritance that God planned for you to walk in!

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 the earth to glorify his father. The word glorified means a manifested revelation. Jesus had a revelation of who his father was and that revelation manifested itself in his life to such a degree that when other people saw Jesus they saw the father.

Colossians 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

John 17:18, 20:21-23 We are "Jesus" to this World. As the Holy Spirit gives us a revelation of who the Father is, that revelation flows through our lives and actions in such a degree that when other people see us, they 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? How can they see the Father that we claim to be one with if we are a reflection of the Father that does not reflect Him in the right manner.

Romans 8:16,19 All creation waiting for sons to manifest themselves. They are looking for God in us because that is the only way that they know how to relate to God.

John 3:2. No man can do these things unless God be with him. The world is looking for God, but they can't recognize him unless they see His reflection in us.

Psalms 96:8 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

What we can really do to give God glory is to accept our inheritance, to take our position as a son; after all, that is what Jesus died for!

We have an enemy who wants to steal our position

Isaiah 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Satan is an angel and angels were not given the rights of sonship. They were sent to minister to those who inherit salvation, to minister to those who are joint heirs with Jesus.

If Satan can distort our view of who we are by taking us back to the law, then we won't manifest God correctly. The world won't see what they have been looking for. They will see an angry God who is disappointed in man.

If the enemy can distort our understanding of who we are by taking us back to the law, then he can distort God's way by distorting his reflection.

Acts 13:10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

That is exactly why the enemy is so hard at work trying to steal our identity!

