

The Message Gathering

Sacred Service

Part 3 - Son Servant

Review:

Session 1 - Every Soul Saved By God's Grace Is A . . .
Member Of His House And A Minister In His Kingdom.

Session 2 - Every Believer Saved By God's Grace Is A . . .
Servant Enabled To Serve God's Purpose In Their Everyday Life.

Galatians 4:1-7 (NIV)

What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. ² He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. ³ So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. ⁴ But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, ⁵ to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. ⁶ Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "*Abba, Father.*" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

Romans 8:17a (NIV)

Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ,

Romans 8:17b (NIV)

. . . if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

If We Share His Sufferings, We May Share His Glory

Philippians 2:1-7 (NIV)

¹ If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Let's Do A Quick Word Study

(All Italics in the following scripture references are mine.)

Acts 4:30 KJV

By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy *child* (Pais) Jesus.

Acts 4:30 NIV

Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy *servant* (Pais) Jesus."

Acts 3:13 KJV

The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his *Son* (Pais) Jesus;

Acts 3:13 NIV

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his *servant* (Pais) Jesus.

Acts 3:26 KJV

Unto you first God, having raised up his *Son* (Pais) Jesus,

Acts 3:26 NIV

When God raised up his *servant*,(Pais)

Becoming A Son Servant

1 Corinthians 9:19 - 23 (NIV)

Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

Christians Are Living In Two Different Places:

1. By Law

They Struggle As They Try To Live A "Performance Based" Gospel.

2. By License

Taking This God Given Grace As A License To Live Any Way They Want.

What It Means To Get A Genuine Grip On God's Grace:

1. You Are Sure That Salvation Has Nothing To Do With Your Goodness.
2. You Are Positive Your Salvation Is Purely A Gift From God By His Son's Sacrifice.
3. You Are No Longer Held By Sin's Deceitfulness.
4. You Will See The Big Picture Of God's Great Love.
5. You Serve God By Sharing His Love AND Forgiveness With Your World.

John 12:26 (NIV)

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

**Every Child Saved By God's Grace Is . . .
Called By God To Be Both A Son And A Servant.**

Questions:

- Today, What One Truth Or Statement Impacted You Most?
- Share Your Thought About The Difference Between Being A Slave Vs Being A Son.
- How Does Moving From A Slave To Being A Son Affect Your Daily Living?
- What Does Being A Co-heir With Christ Mean To You Personally?
- As A Group, Share The Repercussions Of The Truth That It Is Impossible To Be An Heir While Living Under The Law.
- Share What It Looks Like Personally To Pick Up Our Cross And Follow The Lord Daily?
- Share Your Thoughts Concerning How Being A Son Requires You To Be A Servant.
- Of The Five Steps To Getting A Grip On God's Grace . . .
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Where do you find yourself?

- What Do You Have To Do This Week To Get A Genuine Grip On God's Grace?