

Establishing a Debt Free Life – The Benefits of Sonship

Sonship through Spiritual adoption brings us wholeness, benefit, prosperity, favor, and increase.

Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the **sons of God**. ¹⁵ For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the **Spirit of adoption**, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. ¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and **joint-heirs with Christ**; if so be that we suffer with [him], that we may be also glorified together. *Romans 8:14-17* ^{KJV}

The Spirit of Adoption

We have received the **spirit** of **adoption** through the covenant obtained by the blood of Jesus.

The Greek term for adoption is **huiothesía**, which means the placing as a son or adoption as sons.

*Legally for adoption to be carried out, the adoptee must take on the name of the adopter. The adoptee garners the benefits associated with the adopter.
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The precursor to adoption is being **chosen**.

1 Peter 2:9

“But ye are a **chosen** generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who has **called you** out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

Not only chosen, but **called** from under the curse of darkness and **predestined** to the adoption of God through Jesus Christ.

[³ “Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly [places] in Christ: ⁴ According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: ⁵ Having **predestinated us unto the adoption of children** by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,” *Ephesians 1:3-5* ^{KJV}

In the beginning, we are reminded that God gave Adam dominion over the earth, blessing them to be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth. Reference *Genesis 1:26-28*

It was through disobedience that the curse came upon them [and us]. Reference *Genesis 3:16-17*

“Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow you shall bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, because you have hearkened unto the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee, saying, thou shalt not eat of it, cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shall you eat of it all the days of thy life;” *Genesis 3:16-17*

But through the **obedience** of Jesus Christ, we are made righteous if we believe with our hearts and confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus.

“For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.” *Romans 5:19*

Because financial distress is a distraction to what you are predestined to do in the Kingdom of Heaven, we must be reminded and even reintroduced to the dominion that we have in the kingdom.

Dominion

This dominion that we have is the capacity to get wealth and the **authority** to bind and release.

Matthew 16:19 “And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

It is time to bind up the poverty mentality and release the creative genius that God has placed within us.

We do this by:

- a. Letting go of the curse of the past; this requires a mindset change. (*Romans 12:2*)
- b. Recognizing you are a vessel of honor, fit for God’s use. (*2 Timothy 2:19-21*)
- c. Evaluating your finances. What comes in shall be more than what goes out.
- d. Establishing a **budget** and remaining **diligent** in managing it keeps us from living from paycheck to paycheck [**see budget spreadsheet**]
- e. Leaving a **legacy** of purposeful abundance, opposed to a mound of debt.

Tied to legacy is your name.

Your name may mean one thing, but your name and its meaning can change.

Consider these names

Abram = exalted father TO Abraham = father of a multitude or chief of multitude

Genesis 17:6 “I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee”

Sarai = princess TO Sarah = noblewoman

Genesis 17:16 “and I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations, kings of people shall be of her.”

Consider Jabez *1 Chronicles 4:9-10*

Bless me indeed and enlarge my coast. Enlarge my capacity to get wealth and leave a legacy. Increase the place of my tent, stretch forth my cords and fortify my stakes so that everything I touch and influence, experiences the impact of God's power and creativity through me. Allow me to leave a legacy that affects change for generations to come.