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God is our Father Pt 1 we are His children by faith in Christ

This is our first study on the topic – God is our Father. In this study we establish three points – (1) we are born of the Spirit of God, (2) therefore we are children of God, (3) if children then heirs of God, and joint-heirs through Christ, and (4) Because we are sons, we have Spirit of His Son, we cry Abba, Father

Our four points established from the scriptures –

1. We are born of the Spirit of God (God the Holy Spirit)

“Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and [of] the Spirit, he can not enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit...The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.” (Jn.3: 5, 6 & 8).

2. We are children of God by faith in Christ Jesus

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus” (Gal.3: 26).

3. If children, then heirs of God, and joint-heirs of Christ

“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” (Rom 8:17).

4. Because we are sons, we have Spirit of His Son, we cry Abba, Father

“And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father” (Gal.4: 6).

Illustration

Roman Catholics believe they are children of God by baptism – see Catechism 1265 say – “Baptism not only purifies from all sins, but also makes the neophyte ‘a new creature,’ an adopted son of God, who has become a ‘partaker of the divine nature’”.

Question to think about.

- i) How does a person become a child of God according to the scriptures?
- ii) How do we prove to ourselves that we are children of God, that He is our Father?

Answer from the scriptures

i) We are children of God by FAITH in Christ Jesus

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus” (Gal 3:26) – specifically faith in the gospel of Christ-crucified (1Cor.15: 1-4).

ii) We know we are children of God, and that He is our heavenly Father – BY–

* We have the Spirit of His Son in our hearts which bears witness with our spirit

“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God” (Rom.8: 16).

* We examine ourselves and provide that Jesus Christ is in you!

“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?”

(2 Cor.13: 5)

Let us live each moment – knowing that we are children of the living God, we are sons of God, and He is our Heavenly Father, by faith in His Son the Lord Jesus!