

Sons of God are not some exclusive group

Many claim that the term “sons of God” is reserved for a select group known as the Overcomers. I have been exposed to this idea for years and have written from that point of view before. But lately God has been setting me free from this prideful and elitist attitude.

One of the main verses used is in Romans 8 where Paul speaks about the “sons of God” setting creation free.

*Rom 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with **the glory which shall be revealed in us.***

*Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the **creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.***

Background

Paul has been writing about how all believers are in Christ Jesus and not in the flesh. 8:9 If you have the Spirit of Christ you are His. If you are His you are not in the flesh anymore you are in the Spirit. We need to hear that simple truth all the time. Many will point at other Christians and say that they are in the flesh. Paul says by the Spirit that one who has the Spirit of God is not in the flesh but in the Spirit.

*Rom 8:9 **But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.***

If there is an issue here it is Paul’s inferred question “Do you have the Spirit of Christ?” If you do not have Him then

you are not yet belonging to Christ. Read my study ["Receive the Holy Spirit."](#)

When the multitude believed Phillip when he preached Christ to them, they believed on Jesus and were baptised in water ONLY...They had not yet received the Spirit for He had NOT YET fallen upon them. So the Church sent John and Peter straight away so that those new believers could receive the Spirit of God. This is what Paul is meaning.

So if you do have the Spirit of Christ **you are** His. Are you are child or a son? Same thing. **You are** a son of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

Gal 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

*Gal 4:5 to redeem those who were under the law, **that we might receive the adoption as sons.***

Gal 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

Gal 4:7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Very clearly we are sons of God who have received the spirit of adoption(Rom 8:15)...or the Spirit of His Son(Gal 4:6) into our hearts whereby we cry ABBA Father. The very fact that you have this urge within you to call God Father shows that you are his son...it is called the Spirit of His Son or the Spirit of Adoption.

Paul also said in Galatians 3:26 **"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus."**

Another verse in Romans 8

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Many will use this verse to intimidate people into believing they are not sons of God. This is one of the verses they use.

The preacher will say that 'if you are not being led by the Spirit then you are not a son of God.' This is a hideous twisting of Scripture and an elitist attitude.

As we saw above in Rom 8:9 the believer who has the Spirit of God is not in the flesh –but in the Spirit. Therefore what Paul is saying here in verse 14 is the same...**YOU ARE BEING LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD!** You are being led by Him because He is **one Spirit with your spirit..(1Cor6:17)..He is always leading you whether you are conscious of it or not.**

If you do not have His Spirit then you are not His(8:9)so therefore you would be led by your flesh. But now that you have His Spirit you are led by Him in the S/spirit.

Therefore you can be at peace over this verse if it has been used to condemn you. The Accuser loves to condemn us. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. We have already read PAul saying many times that we are sons of God through simply believing in Jesus and receiving His Spirit into our hearts. It is only pride that would add to this simple adoption in order to make it harder to be a son. In fact making it harder is bringing God's sons and daughters back into slavery to the Law. Those under the Law are slaves. Those in Christ are sons.(Gal 4:7)

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,...

First Paul tells us we are sons of God then he says the Spirit of His Son bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. Both Greek words used to mean son or children have the same meaning and are often interchanged by the translators. **The bottom line is that Children of God are sons of God.**

From there Paul goes onto the next passage where he speaks of the sons of God setting all creation free. Now I come to the point of this article.

Rom 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

There is NO REASON AT ALL to suppose that Paul is speaking of some different group of people called sons of God as he has already spoken about. He has plainly told us that we are sons of God by simply believing in Jesus and receiving His Spirit. Now he speaks of the revealing of the sons of God as if they are not here yet. This is why many are saying that these sons of God must not be all of us but some hidden few. Again I say no. Paul is speaking of all of us children/sons of God. And he is speaking of a time he looked forward to when there would be a revealing.

The Revealing

Paul says **glory shall be revealed in us...** that is...in us children or sons of God. The word here for revealed is apokalupto

Thayer Definition:

1) to uncover, lay open what has been veiled or covered up

1a) disclose, make bare

2) to make known, make manifest, disclose what before was unknown

Inside you and me dwells JESUS CHRIST in person. That is why you are called a son of God. But people look at you with eyes of flesh and do not see Jesus. Yet the Bible plainly declares that He dwells in your heart...more specifically He dwells in your spirit. He has been veiled or covered up as Thayer's

Dictionary says above. But the veil is our mortal bodies. The day is coming when we shall all be changed and mortality shall be swallowed up by life. Our bodies shall no longer hide what we contain...rather our new bodies shall be one with our pure born again spirit...of the same substance as Jesus body.

Also my dear friend you are in union with Jesus in your spirit. When Jesus said in Joh 14:20 At that day you will know that **I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you**. He spoke of the reality that **He is right now in you**. This is what Paul called **the glory that shall be revealed or uncovered**. In Colossians 3 Paul wrote that **your life is hidden with Christ in God**. This is the same as John 14:20 Basically you are ONE with Father and Son in your S/spirit. This is hidden from the natural eye but shall be revealed or uncovered in **that** day.

Col 3:3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

*Col 3:4 When Christ who is our life **appears**, then you also will **appear** with Him **in glory**.*

This verse is the same thought as in Romans 8:18. You the true you—one with Father and one with Jesus shall be revealed...shall appear...then every eye shall see Jesus!! Paul goes in Romans 8...

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So even though we are all sons of God by faith in Jesus Christ—it is not yet revealed to all creation. We are being brought to the place of KNOWING our perfect union and glory with Jesus. It is when we know that we are JUST LIKE JESUS and that AS HE IS SO ARE WE...when we know this deep inside then the glory starts breaking through. But Paul is speaking as he often did of a future resurrection when the unveiling shall take place.

I believe that God brings each of us to the place of understanding W/who we are in Jesus—sons of God...and only as we agree and accept this revelation from God through the Gospel shall we be revealed to all creation. What do I mean?

Well...if you do not believe that you are just like Jesus then your eye is divided and not single. Thus your whole body is full of darkness. But if you believe and confess that you are as Jesus is...then your eye is single and your body full of GLORY.

*Luk 11:34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore **when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.***

Luk 11:35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.

Luk 11:36 If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

Do you see yourself as having 2 life forces inside battling each other? Two natures? Then your is evil...and darkness is the result. But if you agree with God's revelation that there is only ONE LIFE in you—the life of Jesus..one nature—the nature of God...then your eye is single and your body full of glorious light.

This is what CREATION is longing for...For you and me—the sons of God—to see what we are in Him and to agree with God—so be it Lord. And in our agreeing then we confess these things over our self daily to convince our minds of it. We are only convincing ourselves of what is already true anyway.

We are sons of God!! And in knowing that we are sons of God we shine with His glory. Satan wants to dim your light so he spends a lot of time trying to get you to believe that you must do lots of obedient stuff before you can be a son of God.

Rubbish! Because of Jesus you are a son of God.

1Jn 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.