Fueling Station 11: Sonship Inheritance



Presentation of Adoption in the Bible: what type of child will you become?

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he **gave the right** to **become children of God**, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

John 1:12-13 ESV

*The invitation from the beginning to Abraham was that he would be the father of many nations. If we want to be a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob we must take Gods offer now through Christ. This qualifies us to receive the inheritance promised to our forefathers.

*The sons of Jacob make up the inheritance of Israel. This is an example of how God deals with His children. Could you lose degrees of inheritance? Yes. Was anyone disinherited? Yes. Is disinheritance a warning to the church? Yes.

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

Galatians 5:16, 19-24 ESV

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. For <u>you may be sure of this</u>, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no **inheritance** in the kingdom of Christ and God."

Ephesians 5:1-2, 5 ESV

*We have many examples in scripture of Gods inheritance laws and what it means to lose aspects of inheritance or to be completely disinherited. Ruben the first born of Jacob and Leah was not counted worthy of the firstborn inheritance because of sexual sin. Esau lost both his

birthright and his blessing because of careless living. Ishmael did not get the same privilege of inheritance as Isaac the son of promise. All of these examples are brought back into the new covenant as examples for us. (Please see article on inheritance to the overcomer)

"For the creation waits with eager longing for the <u>revealing of the sons</u> of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the <u>pains of childbirth until now</u>. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as <u>we wait eagerly for adoption as sons</u>, the redemption of our <u>bodies</u>. For in this hope we <u>were saved</u>. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we <u>wait for it with patience.</u>"

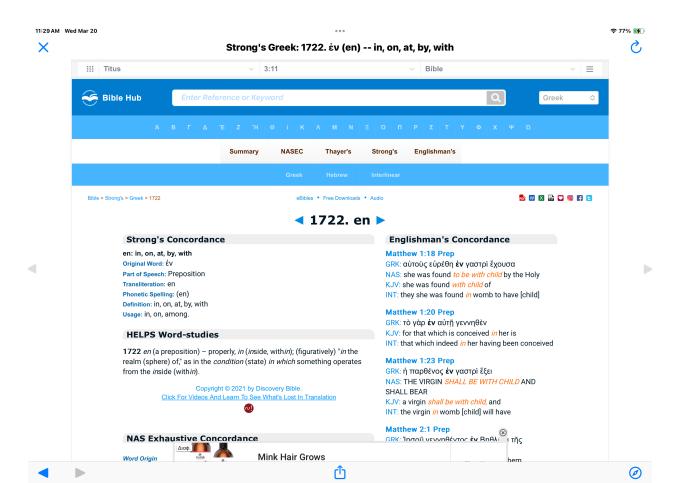
Romans 8:19, 22-25 ESV

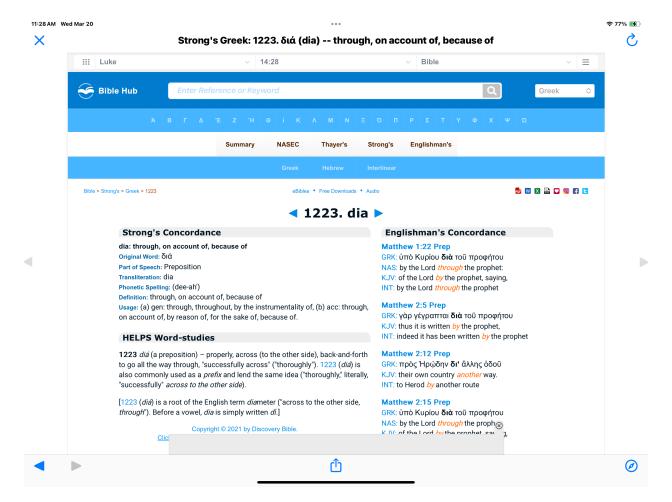
*We have not practically been adopted into the kingdom inheritance yet, we must wait patiently and faithfully for it. The reason why the whole creation waits for this to be revealed is because it has been waiting 6,000 years since Adam & Eve lost their inheritance for this to be fully restored.

"for <u>in</u> Christ Jesus you are all <u>sons of God</u>, <u>through</u> faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have <u>put on</u> Christ."

Galatians 3:26-27 ESV

*key to understanding this passage is "in" and "through" as it pertains to "remaining in Christ" and receiving inheritance. Paul is always fearful and concerned that having begun "in" Christ, the church members will not remain in Christ and his preaching of inheritance will be in vain! John chapter 15 is key in this understanding.





"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world."

1 John 4:16-17 KJV

"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

1 John 5:3-4 KJV

*The key to remaining "in" Christ is if we practice and maintain agape love. This type of love sacrifices self interest to obey Gods commands and shows whether we preferred God over the world and this will determine our inheritance in the day of judgment. The only way to accomplish this is to exercise our faith in the grace of God given to us in order to overcome the world.

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called <u>children</u> of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's <u>children</u> now, and <u>what we will be</u> has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus <u>hopes in him **purifies** himself</u> as he is pure."

1 John 3:1-3 ESV

*what type of child we became will be revealed on the big Day. The key to being prepared for the hope of that Day is purifying ourselves.

"Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us <u>purify</u> ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God."

2 Corinthians 7:1 NIV

The author believes that when Jesus came to earth the first time, His purpose was to set up His spiritual kingdom first as preparations for His second coming to set up His earthly kingdom. The privileges of this spiritual kingdom can be seen through the lens of sonship inheritance.

Sonship inheritance now: receiving spiritual victory through the "promised land" of God while still living in the land of darkness ruled by the enemy are dependent on us abiding in Christ and walking in the Spirit and not the flesh. The spiritual benefits parallel the privileges given to Adam and Eve in the garden and are listed generally below:

*dominion-authority in the name of Jesus!

"And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction."

Matthew 10:1 ESV

"And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them inthe name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

Matthew 28:18-19 ESV

*power-Holy Spirit anointing

""If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another <u>Helper</u>, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. But the <u>Helper</u>, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."

John 14:15-17, 26 ESV

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve." "Matthew 4:1-4, 7, 10 ESV

*Power in the Word of God "It is written".

"He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will <u>receive power</u> when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:7-8 ESV

"how God <u>anointed</u> Jesus of Nazareth with the <u>Holy Spirit and with power</u>. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." Acts 10:38 ESV

"You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if <u>Christ is in you</u>, although the body is dead because of sin, the <u>Spirit is life</u> because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, <u>he who raised Christ Jesus</u> from the dead <u>will also give life</u> to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."

Romans 8:9-11 ESV

*fruitful-love, joy, peace,...

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit."

Galatians 5:22-25 ESV

*multiply-set captives free!

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19 ESV

"When they had preached the gospel to that city and had <u>made many disciples</u>, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

Acts 14:21-22 ESV

*land- land of physical provision through faith

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Matthew 6:25-33 ESV

"Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a

hundredfold <u>now in this time</u>, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, <u>and in the age to come</u> eternal life."

Mark 10:29-30 ESV

Key: how well we live in the spiritual kingdom as a son of God now will determine our inheritance in the coming kingdom when Jesus returns.

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Mystery of all mysteries:

*Firstborn sons of God shall be the bride of Christ!

"The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a <u>new name</u> that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a <u>crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord</u>, and a <u>royal diadem in the hand of your God</u>. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called <u>My Delight Is in Her</u>, and <u>your land Married</u>; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For **as** a young man marries a young woman, so shall <u>your sons marry you</u>, and <u>as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride</u>, so shall your God rejoice over you."

*One of the biggest privileges of a "firstborn" son considered "worthy" was to carry on the Father's name(patronym), consider the language used to the overcomer in the church of Philadelphia.

"The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will <u>write on him the name of my God</u>, and the <u>name of the city</u> of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and <u>my own new name</u>."

Revelation 3:12 ESV

*You can't deny the obvious connection of marital language and full family rights.