

Greater Works Christian Church

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Sons of God

Introduction: Last week I spoke about Sons of God and the Power of Agreement. I wanted to show the power of both these, then put these 2 concepts together to show the extraordinary power of both working together.

The Sons of God (once revealed) will bring creation out of its corruption. This will be through the Power of Agreement. Think about the Authority that lies within each of us.

Romans 8:19 (AMP)

For [*even the whole*] creation (all nature) waits expectantly *and* longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known [*waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship*].

As we can see from this passage, all of creation has been waiting for you and I (believers in Jesus) to take our rightful place as Sons of God. When this happens all of creation will respond to the voice of the Sons of God.

But How Can This Be?

Discussion: Please share with your group your thoughts on Romans 8:19. Please feel free to study as much as you'd like to better form your conclusions.

Jesus- THE Son of God

Mark 3:16-17

16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

17 And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

We know this passage very well. Jesus was Baptized by John, and upon coming up out of the water Father God makes this declaration, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

This is the first time the Father declared Jesus His Son. This begins Jesus's earthly ministry.

Question: Why was this event so important to Jesus (and to you and I)?

Mark 9:2-8

2 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them.

3 His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them.

4 And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

5 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—

6 because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid.

7 And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"

8 Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves.

Jesus was transformed into His heavenly image. For a moment He took off the robe of His flesh and revealed Who He truly was.

Transfigured (3339) *metamorphoo*

1. To change into another form, to transform, to transfigure

It is interesting that Moses and Elijah, being in Paradise in the underworld, came up to meet with Jesus. Moses and Elijah responded to the Jesus when He manifested (or revealed) His heavenly nature. They did not show up until He revealed Who He truly was.

After Moses and Elijah respond to Jesus's heavenly nature the Father declares Jesus to be His Son, but there is a twist. Father God declares Jesus His Son after Jesus was Transfigured and after Moses and Elijah presented themselves.

At His Baptism, Father God declared Jesus His Son. This began His earthly ministry.

On the mountain, Jesus was Transfigured. This attracted the attention of Moses and Elijah. Both Moses and Elijah were important figures of the Previous Covenant (some would say the most important figures). Keep in mind, Moses and Elijah had long passed from the earth.

Questions: Beyond the obvious, what was so significant about this event?

Why do you think Peter, James and John only were invited up the mountain with Jesus?

What do Moses and Elijah represent? Why is this so significant?

After Jesus Transfigured, and After Elijah and Moses show up, Father God again declares Jesus His son.

Father Declares Jesus His Son:

1st at His Baptism by John

2nd at His Transfiguration on the Mountain

- His Baptism- this began Jesus's earthly ministry. This showed that Father God was the One empowering Jesus in all that He did in the earth.
- His Transfiguration- this showed Jesus's position and power in the heavenly realm.

Father declared Jesus His Son (His equal) in all things pertaining to earth (the natural realm), and to heaven (the spiritual realm). Jesus was the Son of God (equal to the Father) in ALL things in heaven and the earth.

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

When Father God declared Jesus His Son, once at His Baptism and once at His transfiguration, Father was declaring the authority of Jesus in the earth realm and the heavenly realm.

Sons of God

There is a way for you and I to come into our position of sonship. We must "Put on Christ" and "Walk in the Spirit".

Galatians 3:26-27

26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

You and I are sons of God when we Put On the Son of God. We are sons of God because He (Jesus) is the Son of God.

Romans 8:13-15

13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

Question: If you had all the power of Jesus what would you do with it?

After we come to Christ and Put-On Jesus, we are to Walk in the Spirit. Everything we do must be Spirit Led and Spirit Empowered.

Conclusion: Coming to Christ (salvation) is important but Walking in the Spirit brings us into the fulness of sonship. As sons we will walk in a Power and Authority never before seen.

Question: As a son of God, what are your responsibilities (To God? To those around you? To the earth)?