

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD (PART 1)

Matthew 1:23 (KJV) Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

As you can see from the above scripture, the idea of the coming of Jesus was to help God come closer to his people. The real birth certificate name for Jesus was Emmanuel and the name means God with us. The intention of God is to have a dwelling among his people.

Jesus came so that we can have a reconciliation with God because God loves to live amongst his people. It is now possible for anyone to have a personal relationship with God without feeling any guilt because Jesus made that possible. Read **2 Corinthians 5:19**. God has reconciled the whole world to himself. It is now up to individuals to be born again and access the fatherhood of God in their lives.

The reason God called us back to himself has been made clear in the scriptures. God did not call us to come and beg him for things and cry for help from him every time but he called us for something bigger, he called us to be friends with him and his son Jesus Christ. **1 Corinthians 1:9 (KJV)** God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

As the scripture has said it clearly that we are called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ. Fellowship means communion, means friendship, means taking from the same source. This is what we were called to be. We were called to the fellowship of Jesus. Remember Jesus even said to his disciples one day " I do not call you servants because servants do not know what their master is planning but I now call you FRIENDS...." **John 15:15**. Jesus called you his friend. Which means we are so close and dear to him.

Here is another scripture... **1 John 1:3 (KJV)** That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

According to the above scripture, John is calling us to a fellowship and the fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. God wants us to relate with him like family and friends, he wants fellowship with us. He sees us the same way he sees Jesus. To him we are not different from Jesus and from him anymore. He says in **1 John 4:17** "As Jesus is, so are we in this world".... God can never forsake you; it is you who can only forsake God. God is faithful in keeping his covenant, he does not change, it is you who can only change.

Remember it is not you or your prayers that made this relationship possible, it was God who loved the world and sent his son Jesus to die for the world and made it possible for us to have a father in God. (**John 3:16**). It was something that God started. He wants it more than you do because he made a sacrifice for it. It cost God so much to have that relationship with you and me.... Hallelujah!

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OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD (PART 2)

Hebrews 2:11-12 (KJV) For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

Dear believers of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ....

The above given scripture should obviously do something to your spirit if you look at it closely. It shows us clearly how Jesus views us and who exactly we are in him.

The scripture is showing us clearly that Jesus is not afraid to call us, BRETHREN. Jesus does not present us to the Father with a title of servants but of his brethren. We are one and the same with him. We were raised to the level of Jesus that is why we have fellowship with God now (**1 Corinthians 1:9**).

I was excited in my spirit when I read the scripture, when I found out how Jesus speaks about us before the Father. He calls us my brethren, not my servants, not my people, not my laborers but MY BRETHREN. Brethren means one of us or our type, part of our group, a brother or a relative in faith.

So, when Jesus is referring to us as HIS BRETHREN, he is actually saying, we are of his type. Remember **1 John 4:17(KJV)** "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." AS HE IS, SO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD. We have become like Jesus.

Finally brethren, consider the words of Apostle Paul in **Romans 8:17 (KJV)** "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."

Look at

the phrase "**joint-heirs** with Christ, "does it shock you that you have been elevated to the level of Christ? You and Christ are now joint heirs of God. The same things Jesus has, the same qualities that he has you now also have.

The same righteousness, the same quality of life (eternal life) that Jesus has we also now have (**1 John 5:11**), the same Holy Spirit that was at work at the resurrection of Jesus has also come upon us (**Romans 8:11**), the same title that Jesus had of being called SON OF GOD we now have it also (**Romans 8:15-16**) ... That is why we are called his brethren... Hallelujah.

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