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Far too many human beings are in confusion! Even today, there is a great deal of controversy concerning the issue of "same sex marriage." The problem is that the male and female roles have become totally confused. If one does not know who/what they are, then without doubt they will end up acting like what they are not! Perhaps this concept seems overly simplistic; in reality, it lies at the very root of our Christian way of life.

There is a great deal of confusion in the human race especially with regard to one's identity. The origin of all of this confusion began in the distant past when the highest ranking angel first became confused about his own identity, "For thou hast said in thine heart . . . **I will be like the most High**. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit!" His wrong thinking led to all confusion with reference to identity!

My question to you is, "Do you know who you are?" Truly, I mean that! "Do you really know who you are?" Since we are studying the Bible, perhaps you might claim that you are a servant of God. Many of us might hold this belief; yet, even that concept is incomplete! Who then are you? If one cannot articulate the essence of who they are in one short sentence, they are to one degree or another confused about their identity! We simply must get a hold of the Biblical revelation concerning our true identity!

Why is it so important that we know who we are? We are going to learn that if we do not know who we are, then we will certainly act like what we are not! If we do not act like what we are, then we will only perpetuate confusion about our own identity!

Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit reveals our true identity; let's pray in His Holy Name:

Our Father, we come to you in the name of Jesus! We thank you that that we have the right to hear from you. We ask for revelation in this study. Please flow freely in us and keep us unhindered from all demonic and satanic influence. Please allow the Holy Spirit to flow through the words of this study! Holy Spirit your presence is welcome. Touch, heal, and give revelation to all who partakes of this study. Father, we give you thanks and we praise Your Name through Jesus Christ!

**GET READY! During this study, we are going to strike a major blow against the devil!** He hates the specific subject of this study with a passion because it exposes his biggest lie concerning mankind! Nevertheless, we are unafraid. Remember, satan is not after us; in fact, we are after him! We do not serve that liar any longer; instead, we fight against his works of darkness! He will try to attack us; but, "Greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world!" Through the word of God we will unveil our true identity!



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Let me start with the question, "Who are we, really?" The Bible teaches that we are a spirit being, made in the image of God, who resides within a tent made of human flesh,

"for we know that if *our earthly house of this tabernacle* were dissolved, *we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens*. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to *be clothed* upon with our house which is from heaven" (2 Cor 5:1-2). We should view our physical bodies as if they were merely clothes. Notice that my shirt seems to have life. You can see it move with my breath. However, when I remove the shirt it becomes limp and lifeless! So too is my body without my spirit in residence.

Indeed, the Bible teaches that all of us are spirit beings that reside in the tent of a physical body! You and I both were made in the image of God, "And God said, *Let us make man in our image*, after *our likeness*: and let them have dominion . . . *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him*" (Gen 1:26-27).

### Just who and what is this "man" that was made in the image of God?

There was a righteous man named Job who practically asked that exact question, "*What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him?* and that *thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?* 18 And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every moment?" (Job 7:17-18). According to Job's analysis, God is very interested in mankind and His attention is continually on the man. Even the Angels diligently inquired regarding the status and outcome of man, "*What is man, that thou art mindful of him?* and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 *For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels (elohim)*, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6 *Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet*" (Ps 8:4-6). Some have suggested that that verse five in the eighth chapter of Psalms can be more actually be rendered, "For thou hast made him a little lower than **God**." Immediately, some would say, "Don't you realize that statement is heresy? If you really believe that, you are in great danger." Obviously, this concept generates a great deal of controversy.

I have personally experienced this very controversy; while working for a Christian Organization in Colorado Springs many years ago, I attended a Bible Study that challenged my thinking concerning the Bible. The study was entitled "*Lucifer's Sin*." The whole message was that Lucifer wanted to become God; it followed therefore that it would be a great sin, (*Lucifer's Sin*) for we humans to think that we can become God. The point is that *Lucifer's Sin* is one sin that we must carefully guard against! I remained quiet; nevertheless, I was in total disagreement with that study.

We can no longer remain ambivalent with regard to our identity in Christ. It is time for us to test the spirits! Are we the sons of God or not? Let us search out and discover the actual Biblical truth!

In the previous passage we observed that man was made a little lower than "*elohim*." So what exactly does "*elohim*" mean? We have all heard the word "*elohim*" associated with God. Guess how many times *Elohim* is translated into the word "angels?" The answer is merely one time out of 2597 total usages in the Old Testament (*see graphic on next page*)! Why is the word translated differently just one time? Apparently, translator(s) simply



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could not bring themselves to believe the message in that one passage. Therefore he/they took the easy, non-controversial, existing doctrine-supporting way out.

Man was made a little lower than the angels (*Elohim*)! What exactly does that mean that man was made a little lower than the angels? We will investigate. We will start by observing how the Bible uses “*Elohim*” over **twenty-five hundred times** in the Old Testament. Next let’s observe how many times “*Elohim*” is translated into the word “Angels.”

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94 matches in KJV for "angels"		
Reference	Context	Strong's
Gen 19:1	And there came two <b>angels</b> to Sodom at	4397
Gen 19:15	arose, then the <b>angels</b> hastened Lot,	4397
Gen 28:12	to heaven: and behold the <b>angels</b> of God	4397
Gen 32:1	on his way, and the <b>angels</b> of God met	4397
Job 4:18	in his servants; and his <b>angels</b> he charged	4397
Ps 8:5	him a little lower than the <b>angels</b> , and	430
Ps 68:17	even thousands of <b>angels</b> : the Lord is	8136
Ps 78:25	Man did eat <b>angels'</b> food: he sent them	47
Ps 78:49	by sending evil <b>angels</b> among them.	4397
Ps 91:11	For he shall give his <b>angels</b> charge over	4397
Ps 103:20	the LORD, ye his <b>angels</b> , that excel in	4397
Ps 104:4	Who maketh his <b>angels</b> spirits; his	4397
Ps 148:2	Praise ye him, all his <b>angels</b> : praise ye	4397

2597 matches in KJV for "430"		
Reference	Context	Strong's
Gen 1:1	In the beginning <b>God</b> created the	430
Gen 1:2	And the Spirit of <b>God</b> moved upon	430
Gen 1:3	And <b>God</b> said, Let there be light: and	430
Gen 1:4	And <b>God</b> saw the light, that it was	430
Gen 1:4	that it was good: and <b>God</b> divided the	430
Gen 1:5	And <b>God</b> called the light Day, and the	430
Gen 1:6	And <b>God</b> said, Let there be a	430
Gen 1:7	And <b>God</b> made the firmament, and	430
Gen 1:8	And <b>God</b> called the firmament	430
Gen 1:9	And <b>God</b> said, Let the waters under	430
Gen 1:10	And <b>God</b> called the dry land Earth;	430
Gen 1:10	called he Seas: and <b>God</b> saw that it	430
Gen 1:11	And <b>God</b> said, Let the earth bring	430
Gen 1:12	after his kind: and <b>God</b> saw that it was	430
Gen 1:14	And <b>God</b> said, Let there be lights in	430
Gen 1:16	And <b>God</b> made two great lights; the	430
Gen 1:17	And <b>God</b> set them in the firmament of	430
Gen 1:18	from the darkness: and <b>God</b> saw that	430

No! That passage does not say that man was made lower than the *angels*; rather, that he was made a little lower than *God*. In fact, humans are the children of God! How can I hold to the view that I am a child of God? How can we know that we are the very children of God? Let us begin to search out those answers from Scripture.

Let’s start in earnest. The Bible clearly teaches that Jesus Christ, is the “image of God,” “In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is *the image of God*” (2 Cor 4:4). The fact is the Bible teaches that Jesus and indeed all of humanity exist in the “image of God.” Let’s observe this idea concerning man from the New Testament, “For a *man* indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as *he is the image and glory of God*” (1 Cor 11:7). On another occasion James expressed that man enjoys his being as one who exists in the likeness of



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God; he was referencing man's misuse of his tongue, "Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are **made after the similitude of**

**God**" (James 3:9). "Similitude" comes from the Greek word "*homoioo*" which is the same root from which we get *Homo sapiens*. In describing the process by which cream and milk are combined together into one single substance we use the word *homogenized*. The Greek word "*homoioo*" means to become similar, or in the likeness. The point is that clearly, both Jesus Christ and mankind were made after God's likeness!

We should loudly, proudly, and boldly proclaim in concert with the Bible that we have been made in the image and likeness of God! Are there other New Testament examples of God's children existing in His image? Let's notice what Paul writes, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 **Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God!**" (Phil 2:5-6). Now let's proceed more carefully at this juncture. Paul admonished, "**Let this mind be in you**" (– or it could be rendered "let this attitude" – or "think like this;" this was Jesus' very attitude!) Jesus had this kind of attitude! He was not proud or lifted up even though He existed in the form of God. He thought it not robbery to be equal with God! The Bible clearly teaches that we too ought to have this same attitude! Reread that *two-verse* passage from that new perspective! Think about it (*Selah*).

Jesus did not flaunt His likeness with God; rather, just the opposite is true, "But **made himself of no reputation**, and **took upon him the form of a servant**, and was **made in the likeness of men**:8 And being found in **fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death**, even the death of the cross" (Phil 2:7-8).

As noted before, you might in some way believe that you are a servant of God? Most of us have those thought; yet, even that concept is incomplete! The Bible teaches that more than a servant of God, **you are a son of the living God!!!!** We observe this plainly in Gal 4:4-8, "But when the fulness of the time was come, **God sent forth his Son**, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, **that we might receive the adoption of sons**. 6 And **because ye are sons**, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts (*Jesus' actual spirit dwells in us*), crying, Abba, Father (*my personal Daddy*). 7 Wherefore **thou art no more a servant, but a son**; and **if a son, then an heir of God through Christ**. 8 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods." Notice from the last verse; who did we serve by nature before we knew God? The Bible answer is that in the past we served satan the devil; but now we are sons of God! The Bible calls him the "god of this world;" yet, this verse tells us that satan was among "them which by nature are **no gods!**" The Word clearly places satan in the "no gods" category! We know that satan is an angel therefore we are not a little lower than the angels; we are a little lower than God (*Elohim*), and we are higher (*by family rank and authority*) yet, **lower in physical power** than the angels! Notice the specific verse that teaches that angels comprise a lower rank, "But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14 **Are they not all ministering (servant) spirits, sent forth to minister (serve) for them who shall be heirs of salvation**" (Heb 1:13-14). This verse teaches that the angels are actually here on the earth to be the servants of humanity, "For unto which of the angels said he at any time, **Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?** And again, I will be to him a



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Father, and he shall be to me a Son?” (Heb 1:5). Angels were never begotten by God to be His children.

The question is, “Who are the angels and what is their relative position in God’s order of things?”

Let’s take a closer look at the order that God has placed over all living beings. We must start with (1) the Divine family known as God (*Elohiym*). Since this family (*multiple beings in one group*) never had a beginning, the family has always existed and is not a created entity!

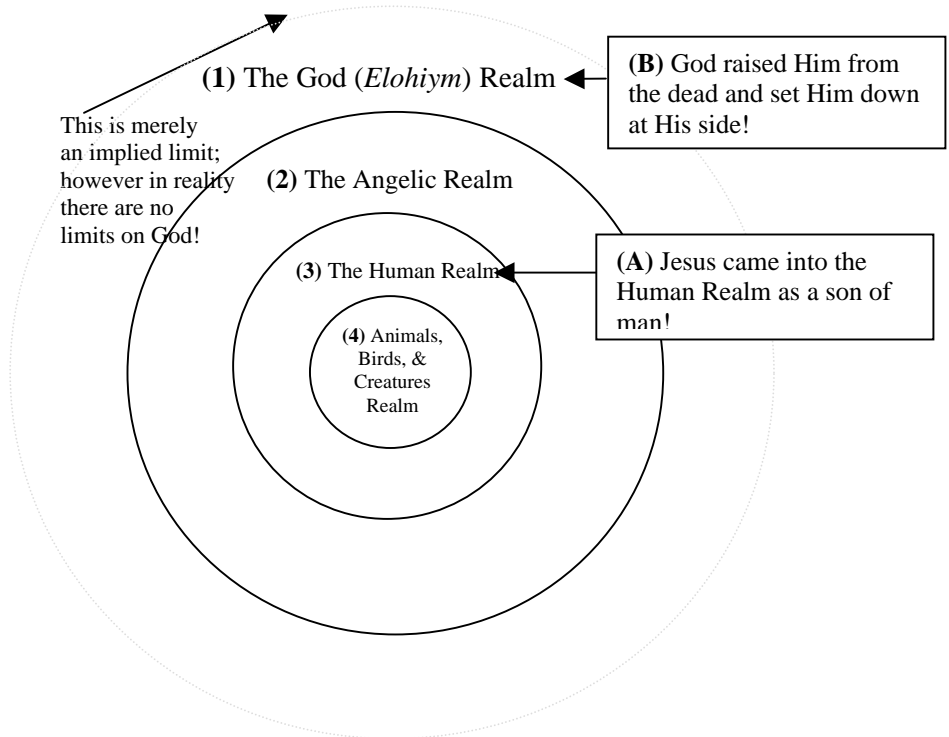
Consequently, the God family is outside of the order of living things and is, “exalted far above all gods” (Ps 97:9). The second group is the angelic realm (2).

These beings were created before the earth, “Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast

understanding . . . When the morning stars (*angels*) sang together, and *all the sons of God shouted for joy?*” (Job 38:4-7). The third group is the human realm (3) and the fourth group (4) is the animal, bird, and creature realm. Amazingly, the Father ordered all of these realms to be ruled by the Messiah, “God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil 2:9-11).

However, we must understand that the Messiah entered into the physical existence of the earth at a level below the angelic realm (see (A) above)! He came as the son of man; therefore he was situated in the human realm which is below the angelic realm, “Thou madest him *a little lower than the angels*” (Heb 2:7). Regardless of Jesus’ relatively low rank as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Human level realm, God performed a mighty work through the Messiah “being found in fashion *as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death*, even the death of the cross” (Phil 2:8)! God continued His great works, “Which he wrought in Christ, *when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places*, 21 Far above all principality and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come” (Eph 1:20-21). According to this passage, Jesus was set far above the inhabitants the angelic realm. Essentially, Jesus was repositioned from the 3<sup>rd</sup> level

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(Human Realm) beyond the 2<sup>nd</sup> level (Angelic Realm) and into the 1<sup>st</sup> level (God Realm) see (B on previous page).

He went beyond “principality and power and might and dominion;” these four words are Old English terms that identify the various ranks within the angelic 2<sup>nd</sup> Level realm. Do not miss this important concept; in essence, Jesus was a son of man who was born of God, He was elevated into the *Elohiym* or God Realm! **God** set the Messiah far above the angels! The Father totally bypassed the (2) angelic realm, “to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?” (Heb 1:13).

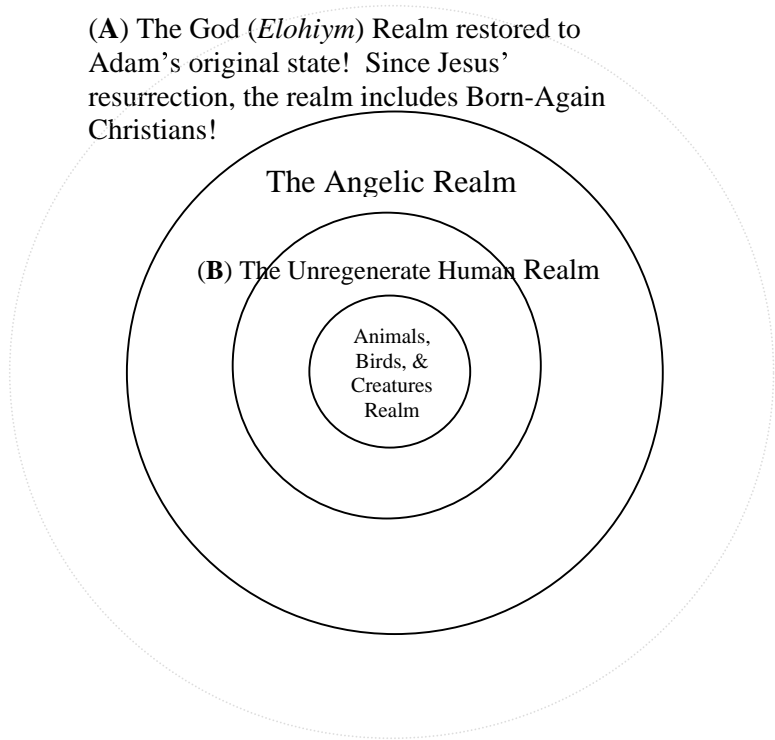
So does mankind exist above or below the angels? The simple answer lies in the important designation, “in Christ.” Those without Jesus are unregenerate as we were in the past, “at that time *ye were without Christ*, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and *without God in the world*” (Eph 2:12) (See (B) at right). On the other hand, if you are Christ’s then, “ye are *risen with him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead” (Col 2:12). If we have been raised with him where does that put us? The

answer, “when he raised him from the dead, and *set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places*, 21 *Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion*, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come” (Eph 1:20-21). That same book says in the very next chapter, “Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us *together with Christ*, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And *hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus*” (Eph 2:5-6). We have been raised to sit together in heavenly places with Christ far above all principalities! (See (A) above right). Now notice Psalm 8:5 correctly claims that man was made, “a little lower than the angels” (See (B) above right.) the next verse explains, “and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6 *Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet*” (Ps 8:6). Man was intended to be elevated!

Those who are Born of God live in a drastically altered realm of existence, “But as many as received him, *to them gave he power to become the sons of God*, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which 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)! Angels serve us because we are Sons of God!

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(A) The God (*Elohiym*) Realm restored to Adam’s original state! Since Jesus’ resurrection, the realm includes Born-Again Christians!





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Jesus was a man born of a woman and He operated on this earth as a man. However, Jesus took full authority over all physical circumstances and He also operated on this earth like a God! In fact, he inspired the Apostles to do the same thing. With merely one word, Peter walked on the water, "And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 29 And he said, **Come**. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, **he walked on the water, to go to Jesus**" (Matt 14:28-29). What we observe happening in that verse is a son of God stepping out on faith with only a word from the Lord. When he did this the very laws of nature took note and he eclipsed the physical laws governing water. Think about that. Peter's faith is what kept him above water.

We are told in Gal 4:6 exactly how we are to address God, "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts crying, Abba, Father." Notice how Jesus specifically addressed God, "But Jesus answered them, **My Father** worketh hitherto, and I work. 18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, **but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.**" According to that very scripture whenever someone calls God "Father," they are "**making himself (themselves) equal with God**" (John 5:17-18). Didn't He teach us to pray, "Our Father?"

Now let's analyze with the help of Jesus, a very interesting and informative passage from the book of Psalms, Ps 82:1 "God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the *gods*." To whom is the psalmist making reference when he uses the term *gods*? Perhaps you are ahead of me; the writer used the term "*elohim*." Who are these little "g" gods? Let us allow the context to supply the answer, "I have said, **Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High**. 7 But **ye shall die like men**, and fall like one of the princes." (Ps 82:6-7). Are you starting to get the concept? We are children of the Most High God! Now understand, we can never be **the Most High God**; He is the Most High God, but we are the children and heirs of the Most High God; therefore, we are the little "g" gods!

On several occasions, the Pharisees were vigorously motivated to stone Jesus! What was their excuse, "Then the **Jews took up stones again** to stone him. (*The word "again" implies that this was obviously not the first time they tried to stone him. Jesus was not afraid of the truth! He embraced the scripture and stood His ground that he was the Son of God!*) 32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? 33 The Jews answered him, saying, **For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.**" They accused Jesus of blasphemy! Jesus used the word of God as His final authority so too should we. I can predict that in the future, people will hate us for claiming to be sons of God! Yet we must stand on the word of God as Jesus did, "Jesus answered them, **Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?** (*Here again we see the little "g" god; how much more plain can Jesus make it?*) 35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; 36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, **I am the Son of God?** 37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. 38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: (*Notice that here we see the Son of God performing supernatural works in order that the people might believe.*) that ye may know, and believe,



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that the Father is in me, and I in him. 39 Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand" (John 10:31-39). Jesus claimed without any equivocation

that he was a son of God and that the Father was in Him! Doesn't the Father live in you? Jesus prayed, "That they all may be one; as thou, **Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us:** that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 17:21).

The "spirit of religion" insists that we are something less than sons of the Living God! However, that spirit does not match-up with the Bible:

- – We are not unworthy of being sons of God as "religion" would teach us;
- – We are not just sinners saved by grace as we have been taught;
- – We are not mere men; rather, we are the very sons of God.

We cannot allow false statements about our identity to take root. We have been cleansed, purchased and adopted by Jesus' blood! When we agree with those stupid teachings, we are actually getting closer to "blasphemy!" The reason is that when we agree with such trash we are in defiance of scripture! It is practically the same as testifying that the blood of Jesus was unable to do what the scripture tells us it has already done for us! Paul clearly expresses the power of Jesus' blood, "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: **Who is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature" (Col 1:12-15).

It is time that we start operating like the sons of God! I am a son of God! I represent my Father! I serve in the capacity of a son and I steward this earth for my Daddy! If we are believers then we must realize that we are little "g" gods!" "Thou hast made him a little lower!" We will remember the peculiar verse in Psalms, "God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the *gods*" (Ps 82:1). The church is "the congregation of the mighty;" the little "g" gods!

We engage in **spiritual** warfare while on this earth, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, **against spiritual wickedness in high places**" (Eph 6:12). The normal every day Christian is to get involved in spiritual duties such as: healing the sick; casting out demons etc., "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17-18). The Father sends spiritual warriors into spiritual battles.

After we master those duties, God will give us even greater responsibilities, "And **I have put my words in thy mouth**, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, **that I may plant the heavens**, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people" (Isa 51:16). God plans to seed (*populate*) the very heavens with us!

We have had in the past the tendency to operate in a post-kingdom mentality. In order for you to have those powers "in the kingdom," you need to believe and begin to operate in them now!





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Once you realize who you are in Christ then you will not put up with the old false religious teachings and you will start acting like a son of the Living God:

- – we will speak to your spiritual mountains and they will obey;
- – we will lay hands on the sick and they will be made well;
- – we cast out demons and they will obey;
- – if need be, we will eclipse nature and walk on the very water.

Should we act like these concepts do not even exist? No, we need to start acting like what our Father wants us to be! We have been so intimidated by satan who has influenced the Christian "religion" that we have allowed it to hinder us regarding an understanding of our true identity! Remember, if we do not know who we are, then we will certainly act like what we are not! We are not just mere men. When you and I start acting like who we really are the Devil will definitely show-up; however, just like our Lord commanded, we will use our spiritual amour and issue the simple command, "Get the behind me satan" **and he will obey!** For, "greater is **he that is in you**, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

Are you going to walk out of here tonight with the same expectations that you had when you came in? Have you given consideration to how you will begin to respond; knowing that you are a very son of the Living God? Gird up your loins!

How will you act differently knowing that you are an actual son of the Living God? You need to get a grip on the following:

- – you are not supposed to be impoverished and under a burden of debt;
- – you are not supposed to be depressed or confused;
- – you are not supposed to be the tail, rather the head, above and not beneath;
- – you are not supposed to borrow; rather you will lend to nations;
- – you are not supposed to be sick; rather abounding in health!

Once you really understand just who you are and what authority you wield in the name of Jesus, your sick days are forever gone! Your days without prosperity will begin to vanish! When we begin to speak and proclaim all of these things which belong to the sons of God, then we will marshal the very power of the angels who will begin to serve and minister to their new masters in a new and powerful way, "**Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister** (Greek word "diakonia" (dee-ak-on-ee'-ah); attendance (as a servant, etc.); figuratively (eleemosynary) aid, (official) service) **for them who shall be heirs of salvation**" (Heb 1:14). The angels are your servants!

You must get the concept! You are in the process of taking up the authority that you have as a Son of God, "For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, **but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**" Jesus gave this instruction with the full knowledge that His disciples would in fact perform as He commanded. The point is that Jesus expects us to act like little "g" gods as we go out and command the spiritual world in His name!

You are a child who can ask God to command the angels to serve your very needs, "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?" (Matt 26:53). If we will simply quote the word of God



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during our time of need and ask of the Father ***believing***, then the spiritual world must obey and you shall receive, "Bless the LORD, **ye his angels**, that excel in strength,

***that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.*** (Our angels are to *hearken to our voice when we speak God's word in Jesus' name*). Bless ye the LORD, all ***ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure***" (Ps 103:20-21). It is the pleasure of God that we glorify Him when we receive our answers to prayer, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that ***the Father may be glorified in the Son***" (John 14:13).

You are the righteousness of God! But, to receive this glorious knowledge you must release the spirit of faith, "If ye have faith, ***and doubt not***, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. ***And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.***" (Matt 21:21-22)!

I hope you can repeat after me, "***I am a son of the Living God!***" You should not find it difficult to speak-out that confession! Proclaim it and receive it. Do you know who you are? Do you know your pedigree? Jesus Christ has made you the righteousness of God, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; ***that we might be made the righteousness of God*** in him" (2 Cor 5:21). God has revealed this precious understanding to us!

Why did God make mankind? "***And God said*** (notice who said this), ***Let us make man in our image***, after our likeness: (we were made to resemble God and to function like God on this planet. *Earth is our place of testing our training ground!*) and ***let them have dominion*** (We were made to have rulership!) over the fish of the sea . . . So God created man in ***his own image***, in the ***image of God created he him***; male and female created he them." (Gen 1:26-28). God wanted to have a family and children; you and I are the outcome of His awesome desires!

I am a spirit being come from God who lives in this physical body. I am made out of the same substance as He who made me. This body (*earth suit*) is just like a suit of clothes. It is not permanent; rather, it is temporary! My physical suit resembles the image of my Father, "***Let us make man in our image, after our likeness*** (What is our likeness? *The angels asked this exact question one time and it is recorded in Ps 8:4 "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels (Elohim), and hast crowned him with glory and honour." The angels wondered who we humans were!*)"

God poured Himself into us! We are a different vessel than He; nevertheless, we are sons of the living God! The same sap that is in the vine sustains the branches, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5). Our inheritance allows us to serve God through Jesus Christ!

Our first step in the faith process was to make a confession of faith, "That if thou shalt ***confess with thy mouth*** the Lord Jesus, and shalt ***believe in thine heart*** that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Rom 10:9). Okay, we have been saved, now it is time for us to take up arms and fight the battle, "I have ***fought a good fight***, I have finished my course, ***I have kept the faith***: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of



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righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: **and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing**" (2 Tim 4:7-8). We need to

confess with our mouths, "I am a son of the Living God!" Then, we need to believe it in our hearts.

Before recognizing my authority in Jesus, when I was "out of my mind" and experiencing a true "Identity Crisis," I thought I was supposed to be broke. I thought that I was supposed to battle with the sinful drives in my flesh! I thought that I was merely a sinner! But a Savior has redeemed me! Our "Identity Crisis" is part of satan's great lie; but now we know from whom we have come. Our Father owns "the cattle upon a thousand hills" (Ps 50:10)! Are you receiving these faith seeds that I am proclaiming? You and I are in the process of taking up the authority of the very sons of God! **Do not let the devil get a hold of that powerful image in your mind and steal away your seed! You are a son of the Living God!** All you need to do is realize who you are. The Most High God created you! Repeat after me, "I am a son of the Living God! That is my present condition and my destiny!"

Claiming to be like God is not heresy! We read, "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. 10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, **in bringing many sons unto glory**, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 **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**, 12 Saying, **I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee**. 13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, **Behold I and the children which God hath given me**. 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 **And deliver them** who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For verily **he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham**. 17 Wherefore in all things **it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren**, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people" (Heb 2:9-18).

Let's believe with the Apostle John, "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. 2 Beloved, **now are we the sons of God!**" (1 John 3:1-2)

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