

Intro:

READ WLC Q&A 74

EP: Sons of God suffer with Christ now because they will inherit all His glory.

HP: *Now pain; then glory.*

Move 1: You have a loving Father who calls you by His own Son's name.

LC: “an act of the free grace of God, in and for his only Son Jesus Christ”: like justification in being a one-time legal act. Once and final, never repeated never lost.

- *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!...* (1 John 3:1)
- *Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,* (Eph 1:5)
- *But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son ... To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.* (Gal 4:4-5)

LC: “whereby all those that are justified are received into the number of his children, have his name put upon them”: Justification changes legal status, God as Judge. Adoption personal status, God as Father.

- *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:* (Joh 1:12). “Power” means authority/right.
- *And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.* (2Co 6:18)
- *Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.* (Rev 3:12)
- You have had the name of “sinner” erased and the name “saint” assigned.

Move 2: Your heavenly Father never leaves you alone.

LC: “the Spirit of his Son given to them”: *And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.* (Gal 4:6)

LC: “are under his fatherly care and dispensations”: Longing satisfied in Our Father.

- *Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.* (Psa 103:13)
- *... his children shall have a place of refuge.* (Pro 14:26)

- *(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. (Mat 6:32)*

Move 3: You share in everything Jesus has been given by the Father.

LC: “admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of all the promises and fellow-heirs with Christ in glory”: Romans 8:17:

- Vs. 16: The Spirit bears witness to our spirit we are the sons of God.
- But if that is the case, consider how sons are heirs of their parents.
- Heb. 1:2 Jesus is heir of all. THE Son of Abraham.
- Rom. 4:13: by faith you as the seed of Abraham, who is “heir of the whole world”

Rom. 8:17b. You must suffer for your Father and Brother, because family suffers for its own and is always concerned for the reputation of the parents and family good name.

That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
(Heb 6:12)

Conclusion:

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