

Now Are We The Sons of God - Part I

1) John 1:1 – 16 NKJV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.⁸ He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.⁹ That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become the sons of God, to those who believe in His name:¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.¹⁵ John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" ¹⁶ And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

- a. Who is the Word of God and was anything made without Him?
- b. What does it mean that "the life was the light of men"?
- c. What were those who received the true Light given the authority to become?
- d. Who is the Word and the Light and how do we receive Him?
- e. Are the sons of God born of the flesh?
- f. What does it mean that the Word became flesh and that He was the only begotten of the Father?
- g. Who has received the fullness of the Word made flesh and what does that mean?
- h. What are grace and truth?
- i. What does it mean to receive grace for grace?

2) 1John 3:2

Beloved, now we are the sons of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

- a. Are we now God's sons?
- b. Is it possible to receive more revelation about Jesus than we already have?
- c. If we receive greater revelation regarding Jesus while we live in this present world, can we also experience a greater revelation of our being sons of God?

3) Deuteronomy 30:11 – 14

“For this commandment which I command you today *is* not *too* mysterious for you, nor *is* it far off. ¹² It *is* not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ ¹³ Nor *is* it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ ¹⁴ But the word *is* very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.

4) Romans 10:6 – 13

But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*) ⁷ or, “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³ For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

- a. Where do we find the authority to become sons of God? Is it in the heavens, at the bottom of the ocean, or across the sea?
- b. What happens when we believe in our heart and confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus?
- c. Who can call on the name of the Lord to be saved and what does salvation actually mean?