

Response to “Hidden With Christ”

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Editorial Note: We suggest reading the article “Hidden With Christ” on the Books and Articles page of this website to more fully appreciate this response.

I just finished reading your article “Hidden With Christ” for the second time, and I have found a depth in it that I didn’t realize through the first reading.

Yes, I think that many who are proclaiming the “sonship” movement may have a misperception of it due to carnal thinking. I think at this present time, we have to keep in mind that this is not an ego trip, but a journey of servanthood. As Jesus said: **“...But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”** (Mat. 20:26). Paul writes about a child growing up in a family, and prior to his pronouncement of being a son, or adoption, known as huiiothesia, he is no more than a slave/servant and governed by the same – even though he is a son! As such, we, too, are to follow this same path until God in His perfect timing proclaims us to be His son. Through this process, we have come to know the true nature of our creator/God, because Paul tells us that; **“...all things are of God...”** (2 Cor. 5:18). When this becomes our reality, it does not develop an arrogance within us, but a humbling wherein where we cry out from our deepest being “Abba,” Father!

This is the “bottom line” in our calling and election in Him. We shall be gods as the Psalmist wrote, and as Jesus told the Pharisees, yet if we let this go to our head (carnal mind) in the form of pride, it makes us unfit to rule with Him as Kings and Priests. God in His infinite wisdom knew this and laid out the plan for us to be Overcomers of carnality through GRACE and acquiring the knowledge of Him through the “hard knocks” of this mortal/physical life. Ahhh! How true it is as Paul wrote: **“We have this treasure in earthen vessels...”** Yes, most definitely, it is truly wonderful about this treasure within our vessel, but He also, knew that until our “gold” is refined in His purifying fires, we would not yet be perfected. Thus, as we are exposed to and through the refining fires, we come to the realization that this treasure must be refined so: **“...that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.”** (2 Cor. 4:7). Thus, we can see the power and excellency of God, but without the “I” of our carnal ego, or the Adamic nature.

For me, I long for the revealing of the sons of God (G602 – apokalypsis), in order to lay down mortality and to receive immortality through the Spirit. Yet, I’m still learning that it

won't be on my terms, but the total yielding up to His wonderful pre-ordained conditions.

“Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God... we have the mind of Christ. (1 Cor. 2:9 – 12, 16B).

Isn't He wonderful!!

“Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.” (Psa. 139:6).

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” (Isa. 9:6).

Be blessed,

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