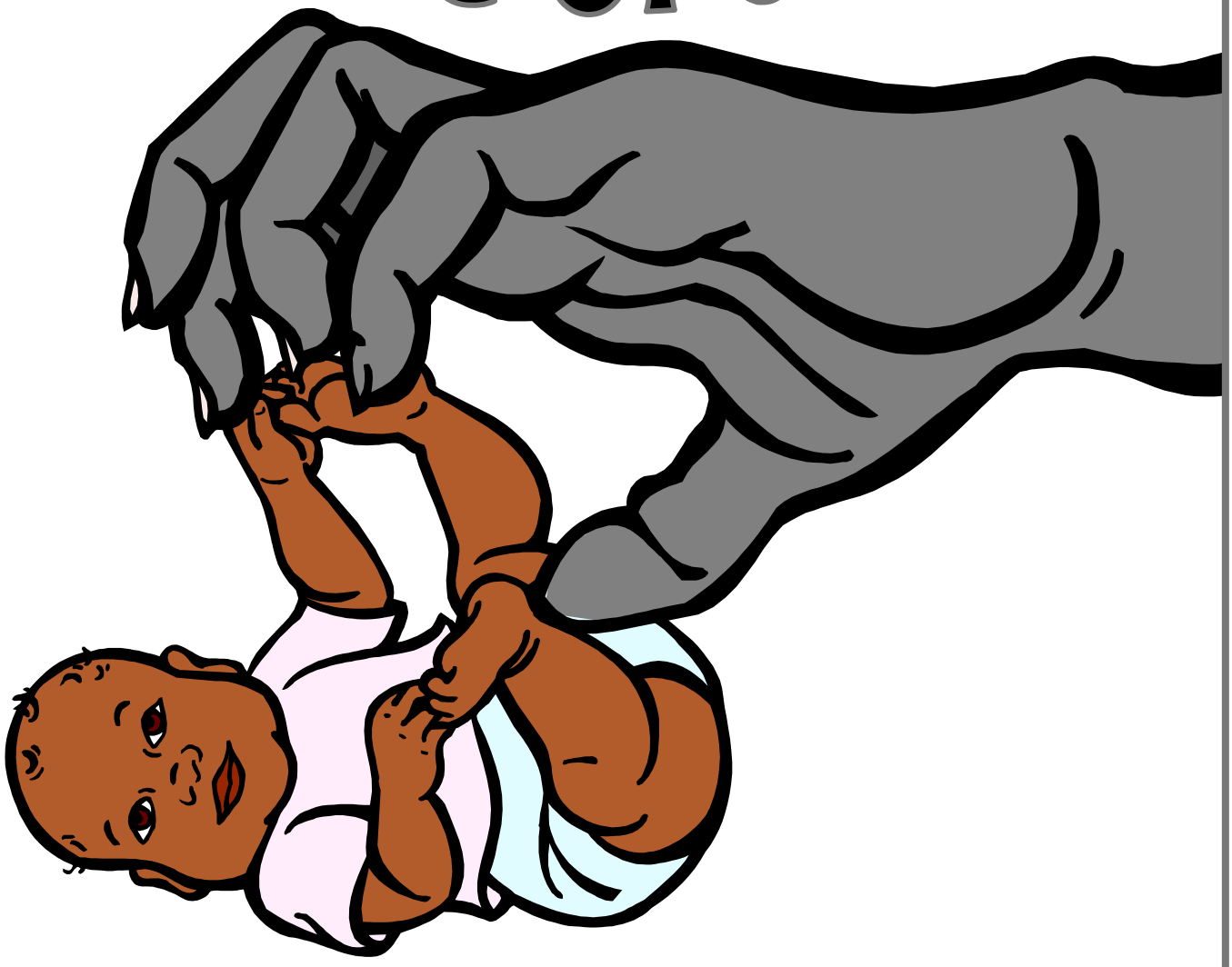
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INTRODUCTION

This is a genuine problem that exists even today. The curse of illegitimacy affects the ability of believers to build a close fellowship with the Lord, with the Father, and with other believers.



In doing so, this curse targets the free flowing of the Spirit of Adoption noted in the New Testament – that Spirit which enables believers to cry out, "Abba, Father". Satan's purpose is to prevent or destroy the intimacy of our Father with His children, preventing them from having a close and personal "Daddy" relationship.

Freedom from the curse of illegitimacy has deep implications for the practical deliverance of God's people.

This curse is a noteworthy device of satan to manipulate behind the scenes in order **to keep God's people from their rightful inheritance in the congregation of the righteous.**

You are invited to consider the Scriptural evidence, both doctrinal as well as Biblical examples. We must realize that no one can be set free where ignorance prevails.

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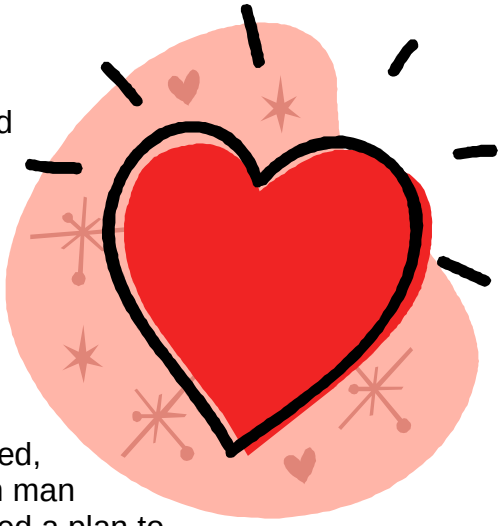
This teaching is taking one of the **roots** from the Soul Care School Course and adding more understanding and revelation.

We want to advise you as reader to please not take things out of context and to see this teaching as **part of the Soul Care School**. The Soul Care School forms the foundation of all our teaching material at Kanaan Ministries and we want to encourage you to work through this Course because many of the basic terminology is explained in the Soul Care School course and will not be repeated again in this teaching.

So, please journey with us in these pages to identify, understand, and overcome this weapon of the enemy, the illegitimate curse, and enable God's people to become set free.

May the Lord give us all grace and mercy to continue to set captives free, and confirm His work in them with signs, miracles, and wonders following.

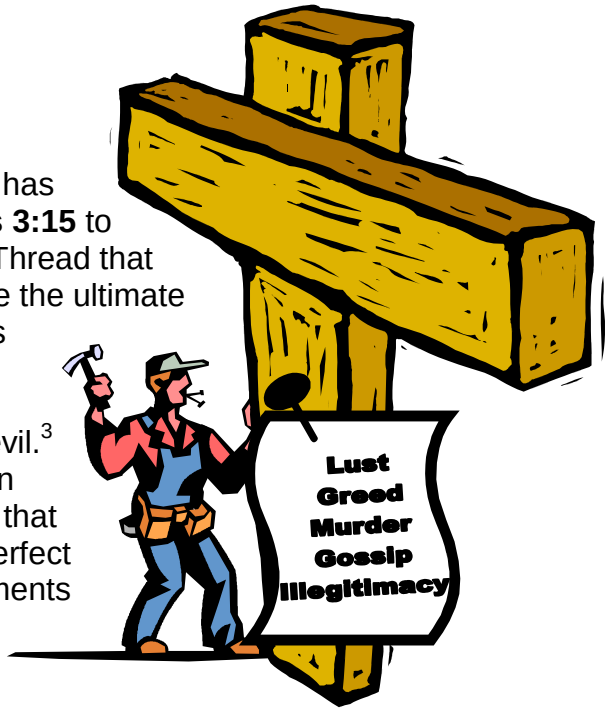
GOD'S PLAN OF REDEEMING LOVE



The Heart of our Heavenly Father has always longed for fellowship with His people. In creating Adam and Eve, God created people who could receive His love. Parents long to have children simply because they love. Imagine our Father, Who is all love, having no children with whom He could share it!

The devil's intent is to destroy and hurt our Father's Heart. By deceiving Eve and bringing about the fall of man, satan attempted to frustrate what God created, and deny Him the joy and intimacy of fellowship with man which is so dear to His Heart. Thankfully, God initiated a plan to fully and completely deal with the problem. That plan was and remains our Lord Jesus Christ/Yeshua Hammaschiah.

- **Assault On The Blood**



Ever since **Genesis 3:15**, God's plan of deliverance has been Jesus Christ/ Yeshua. Scripture from **Genesis 3:15** to **Revelation 22:21 reveals** Jesus Christ as the Red Thread that runs through all of history. His atoning Blood became the ultimate sacrifice to redeem man completely[1]. Since Leviticus tells us that the life God gave us is in the Blood,[2] the life Blood of Jesus Christ is appropriately the final payment for the debt that was first initiated by the devil.[3] Remember that fellowship with man has always been God's objective. Jesus Christ's purpose is to restore that fellowship for all who desire to have it. It takes the perfect Blood of a perfect Savior to satisfy the legal requirements necessary to restore relationship with the Father, logically, corrupted blood to legally blocks that relationship.

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[1] Genesis 3:14-15: 14 And the Lord God said to the serpent, Because you have done this, you are cursed above all [domestic] animals and above every [wild] living thing of the field; upon your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust [and what it contains] all the days of your life.
15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her Offspring; He will bruise and tread your head underfoot, and you will lie in wait and bruise His heel.

[2] Leviticus 17:11: 11 For the life (the animal soul) is in the blood, and I have given it for you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement, by reason of the life [which it represents].

[3] Hebrews Chapter 9

Corrupting the blood of generations has proven to be an effective **legal blocking tactic of satan**, and as with any weapon, it is most effective when it is hidden and not understood.

Since **blood is transferred from generation to generation**, and since, according to Deuteronomy 23:2, illegitimately conceived children perpetuate the transference of that cursed, corrupted blood for ten generations,[4] **the curse of illegitimacy is a particularly effective legal tool for satan's purposes**. Ten generations is a long time. It is at least 400 years, perhaps more.

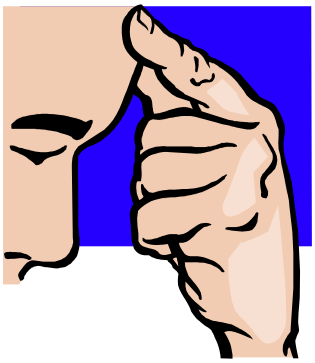
Thus this generational curse is perhaps far more effective and far-reaching than any other device the devil has ever utilized to date.

What can be more damaging than corrupting the bloodline of God's people for present and future generations? The curse of illegitimacy has served satan well to accomplish this end. For all this, God has a marvelous plan to remove the authority of this curse for every generation and every bloodline.

As we have mentioned in our teachings of Soul Care, breaking the authority of curses upon one's life or one's generations does not occur automatically with the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, any more than healing is always or fully received automatically with the new birth. But, **just as healing arises with faith** in the accomplished and ongoing ministry of healing through Christ, **so deliverance from curses can arise through the ongoing deliverance ministry of Jesus Christ.**

The believer's arsenal is spectacularly enhanced with the **knowledge** and **understanding** of the availability that Jesus Christ gave to each believer to overcome every curse, just as it is enhanced with the availability to receive healing by faith each time healing is needed.

John 8:32 *"32 And you will **know** the Truth, and the Truth will set (make) you free."*



It is not the truth that makes us free, **but the truth we know,** or the truth we understand and act on, that makes us free. It is progressive.

[4] Deuteronomy 23:2: 2 A person begotten out of wedlock shall not enter into the assembly of the Lord; even to his tenth generation shall his descendants not enter into the congregation of the Lord.

SONSHIP:

Man is created on the sixth day of Creation. Man has a unique characteristic, which differentiates him from all else in creation.



He is **made** in God's Image and God's Likeness:

Gen. 1:26a *"26 God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind **in Our image,** after Our likeness,…"*

Immediately after this Creation, we find that God:

a) Gave man **purpose** and direction – he is told to take dominion:

Gen. 1:26b *"…and let them **have complete authority** over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth."*

b) **Blesses** man – take note the blessing came even before man had moved an inch – at this stage he had done nothing. The blessing is therefore a **gift of love** – we need to take this blessing in faith and go forth and live up to it.

We can't earn the blessing – it's not my works / my cleverness / my gifts and talents, etc. that counts – the blessing is a **gift.**

One of the elements of this blessing is to **multiply**, i.e. to have sons and daughters.

Gen. 1:28a *"28 And God **blessed them** and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man];..."*

God Blesses the Children:



Not only is man a "blessed" individual but he has a mate / partner that is uniquely made to fit with him, to be his other half.

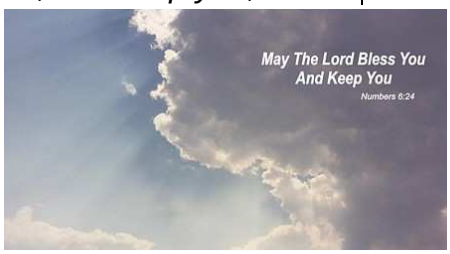
Gen. 2:23-25: *"23 Then Adam said, This [creature] is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of a man.*

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall become united and cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not embarrassed or ashamed in each other's presence."

What is particularly important is God's Heart toward the **children** of this intimate relationship.

God chose to bless them – He does so by calling every single one of the people of Israel **"children"** and goes on to instruct the priests to bless the **"children"** of Israel every week.

Num. 6:24-26 *"24 The Lord bless you and watch, guard, and keep you;*
25 The Lord make His face to shine upon and enlighten you and be gracious (kind, merciful, and giving favor) to you;
26 The Lord lift up His [approving] countenance upon you and give you peace (tranquility of heart and life continually)."



God promises that if the priest of the home – the father – **speaks these words** of life / blessing over me, then God makes this proclamation: *"I will mark you as my own."*
This mark is something quite special – it almost seems that God's mark becomes a part of my DNA.

Num. 6:27 *"27 And they shall put My name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."*

What does "Made in God's Image" mean?

In order to analyze this statement, we need to move to the New Testament and look at the words of Paul.

1 Cor. 15:44-49 *"44 It is **sown a natural** (physical) body; it is **raised a supernatural** (a spiritual) body. [As surely as] there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.*
45 Thus it is written, The first man Adam became a living being (an individual personality); the last Adam (Christ) became a life-giving Spirit [restoring the dead to life].
46 But it is not the spiritual life which came first, but the physical and then the spiritual.
47 The first man [was] from out of earth, made of dust (earthly-minded); the second Man [is] the Lord from out of heaven.



48 Now those who are made of the dust are like him who was first made of the dust (earthly-minded); and as is [the Man] from heaven, so also [are those] who are of heaven (heavenly-minded).
*49 And **just as we have borne the image** [of the man] of dust, **so shall we and so let us also bear the image** [of the Man] of heaven."*

We see here that Paul is making the comparison between the **natural** or the **physical** and the **spiritual** or the **heavenly**.



FIRST ADAM	**LAST ADAM – YESHUA**
Become a living begin, i.e. man	**Become a Life-Giving Spirit**
Made of the Earth	**Made of Heaven**

Critically, we need to learn two lessons from this portion of Scripture:

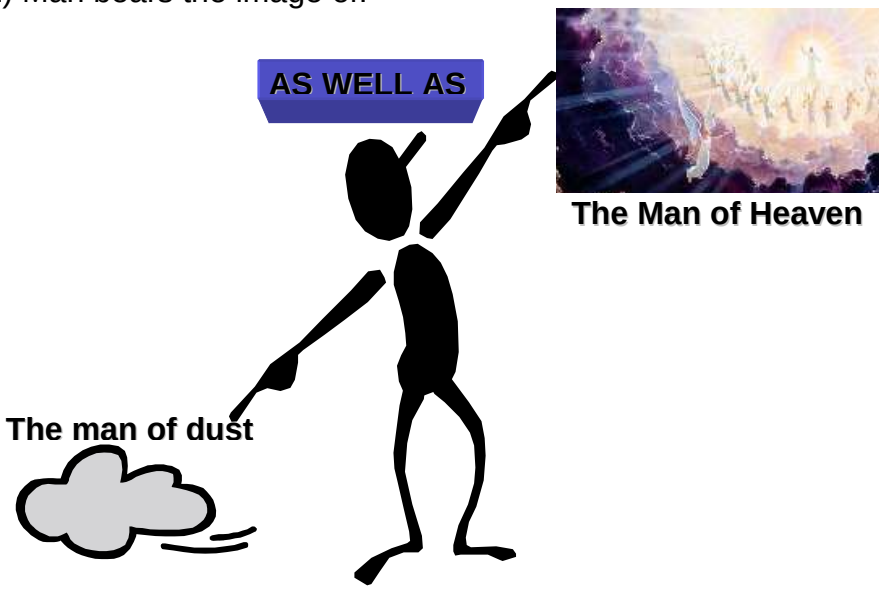
1) the spiritual is not first – it's the natural that is first **followed** by the spiritual:

1 Cor. 15:46 *"46 But it is not the spiritual life which came first, but the physical **and then** the spiritual."*

I.e. what we learn here is an order **of timing** we need to experience / visualize / understand the physical dimension of a thing before it will be manifested in the spiritual.

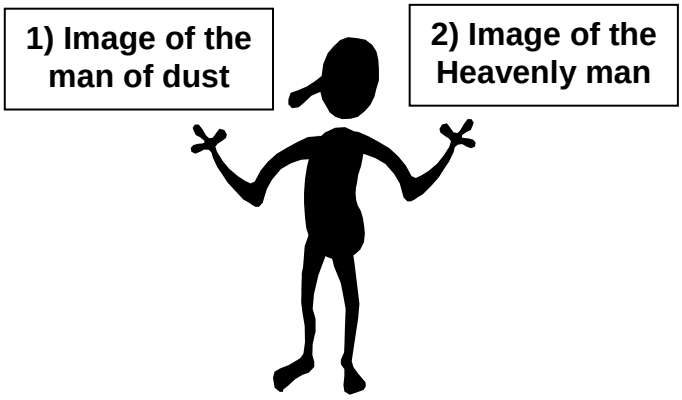
It becomes clearer that we must role model and experience this life-time victory as a physical manifestation **before** the spiritual release will be experienced.

2) Man bears the image of:



1 Cor. 15:49 *"49 And just as we have borne the image [of the man] of dust, so shall we and so let us also bear the image [of the Man] of heaven."*

This understanding leads to an interesting conclusion:



1) It is quite clear to us that a child bears a physical "likeness" to either one or both of the parents. Not only will this be manifest in the build of the child but also the:

- colour of the hair
- colour of the eyes
- even the accents / i.e. the way we speak
- nature / attributes of the parents.

We can therefore state that this "likeness" is defined in the terms of the **body and soul** of the child.

If we understand that man in his physical should also be a reflection of God, then we need to clarify that:

- the **will** of man must be **subjected** to the Will of the Father.

- the **emotions** of man must be **reflecting** love / compassion.
- the **mind** of man must be **redeemed** to reflect the nature of God's declaration of victory.

2) It is however not always so clear to us that a child bears the spiritual "likeness" of the Heavenly Father. We are forced to measure / evaluate this – in terms of the lifestyle that we observe.

God defines His "Fruit" for us in the Word of Paul as the Fruit of the Spirit.

Gal. 5:22 *"22 But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness,"*

We can therefore draw the conclusion that a true "son" is someone who has a:

- **physical likeness** in the form of a "redeemed" body and soul;

BUT

- also has the **spiritual likeness** of God manifested in "the Fruit of the Spirit".

God Takes the Role of the Father Seriously:

We have seen how important it was for God to give Man a purpose immediately – man was not left to wonder why he was there, what he was meant to be, etc. We also see that this is followed by words of life / blessing.



God speaks through Moses and declares that He provides them with a very clear Commandment:





These "words" become the **boundary** of the Covenant between God and man.

God wants **man** to be a good – note: **a very good** – **role model** of what it means to love the Lord Your God with all of your heart and so He goes on to say:

Deut. 6:7-9 *"7 You shall **whet** and **sharpen** them so as to **make them penetrate**, and **teach** and **impress** them **diligently upon** the **[minds and] hearts of your children**, and shall **talk of them when you sit in your house** and **when you walk by the way**, and **when you lie down** and **when you rise up.***
*8 And you shall **bind them as a sign upon your hand**, and they shall be as **frontlets (forehead bands) between your eyes**.*
*9 And you shall **write them upon the doorposts of your house** and **on your gates**."*

It is from this basis of sound role modeling, love and attention that a child will begin to develop into the position we described earlier.

Earthly man:
Redeemed mind, will and emotions.



Heavenly man:
Fruit of the Spirit

The actions of an earthly / physical father therefore have a consequence!!!

The words of a father are used by God to fashion the key to unlock the child's destiny.

The consequences of a father's role modeling therefore either lead to:



- DEATH

OR

- LIFE.

Definition of True Sonship:

Each thought or theme becomes a source of study in its own right. However, we are interested in the subject of illegitimacy and how this spirit assaults and robs us of the **blessing of true sonship**.

With that in mind, I am going to limit the **definition of sonship** to the portrait of a **righteous man** painted by David:

Ps. 103:17-18 *"17 But the mercy and loving-kindness of the Lord are from everlasting to everlasting upon those who reverently and worshipfully fear Him, and His righteousness* ***is to children's children****—*
18 To ***such as keep His covenant*** *[hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying it]* ***and to those who [earnestly] remember His commandments*** *to do them [imprinting them on their hearts]."*

We see that there are **two elements to a righteous man** – a son:

a) one who **fears God** and teaches this to His children and his grandchildren.



Ex. 20:6 *"6 But showing mercy and steadfast love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments."*

AND

b) one **who keeps God's Commandments** and remembers to **do** them (obedience).

1 Kings 6:12 *"12 Concerning this house which you are building, if you will* ***walk*** *in My statutes, execute My precepts,* ***and keep*** *all My commandments to walk in them, then I will fulfill to you My promises which I made to David your father."*

Deut. 7:12 *"12 And if you* ***hearken*** *to these precepts and* ***keep*** *and do them, the Lord your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love which He swore to your fathers."*

Deut. 19:9 *"9 If you* ***keep all these*** *commandments to do them, which I command you this day,* ***to love the Lord your God*** *and to walk always in His ways, then you shall add three other cities to these three,"*

This definition of fearing God has the explicit understanding that such a man believes with his whole heart that there is only One God – what we call born-again in the New Testament language.

There are today many people who would teach (replacement theology) that the "law" / Old Testament has been done away with through the work of the Cross and that we now only live by faith.

This passage above teaches us something different!!

- We are **saved by faith** through the works of Jeshua on the Cross.
- We are "recognized" as made in God's Image as a son if the rest of the world see us living a life of **obedience** to God's Commands in love.

The Old Testament / Torah Word is confirmed by John in the Book of Revelations where he says:

Rev. 14:12 *"12 Here [comes in a call for] the steadfastness of the saints [the patience, the endurance of the people of God], those who [habitually] keep God's commandments and [their] faith in Jesus."*

- the faith of God
  AND
- he who keeps His Commandments.



In the Body of Messiah, we find three kinds of Believers:

1) The Grace Believer:

- Keeps the faith, i.e. has given his heart to God
  BUT
- shows no evidence of obedience to the Commandments.

= NOT A SON.



2) The Legalist Believer:

- We find this man is diligent in keeping man-made laws
  BUT
- we see no evidence of the life-giving faith in One God

= NOT A SON

3) The Messianic Believer



- This man proclaims / declares the existence of One God only through the Life-giving Blood of Jeshua the Messiah

AND

- this man is obedient to all God's Commandments.

= A **TRUE SON**

This definition of a true son may disturb many people. We want to think that God is only love and that as long as I "only" **believe** I will be fine. But this kind of thinking and teaching battles to deal with the scripture where Jeshua is teaching and says "I never knew you."

Matt. 7:21-23 *"21* ***Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord,*** *will enter the kingdom of heaven,* ***but he who does the will of My Father*** *Who is in heaven.*
22 Many will say to Me on that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name and driven out demons in Your name and done many mighty works in Your name?
23 And then I will say to them openly (publicly), I never knew you; depart from Me, you who act wickedly ***[disregarding My commands]."***

It is clear from this word that some believers operate:
- in the works (legalism)
- in power (gifts)

and although they **seem** to have the outward appearance of a son – in reality they do not have the Image of God – a True Son.

Jeshua was a True Son:

- He professed the sovereignty of God the Father at all times:

Matt. 3: 4, 7, 10 *"4 This same John's garments were made of camel's hair, and he wore a leather girdle about his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.*
7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee and escape from the wrath and indignation [of God against disobedience] that is coming?
10 And already the ax is lying at the root of the trees; ***every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit i****s cut down and thrown into the fire."*

- He obeyed God the Father at all times:

Matt. 5:17-20 *"17 Do not think that I have come to do away with or undo the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to do away with or undo but to complete and fulfill them.*
18 For truly I tell you, until the sky and earth pass away and perish, ***not one smallest letter nor one little hook*** *[identifying certain Hebrew letters]* ***will pass from the Law until all things*** *[it foreshadows] are accomplished.*
19 Whoever then breaks or does away with or relaxes one of the least [important] of these commandments and teaches men so shall be called least [important] in the kingdom of heaven, ***but he who practices them and teaches others to do so shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven****.*
20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness (your uprightness and your right standing with God) is more than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

John 6:6, 37-40 *"6 But He said this to prove (test) him, for He well knew what He was about to do.*
37 ***All whom My Father gives*** *(entrusts)* ***to Me will come to Me****; and the one who comes to Me I will most certainly not cast out [I will never, no never, reject one of them who comes to Me].*
38 For I have come down from heaven ***not to do My own will*** *and* ***purpose but to do the will and purpose of Him Who sent Me.***
39 And this is the will of Him Who sent Me, that I should not lose any of all that He has given Me, but that I should give new life and raise [them all] up at the last day.
40 For this is My Father's will and His purpose, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in and cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up [from the dead] at the last day."

This is why God can make the declaration twice:
"This is My Son."

Mark 9:7 *"7 And a cloud threw a shadow upon them, and a voice came out of the cloud, saying,* ***This is My Son****, the [most dearworthy] Beloved One. Be constantly listening to and obeying Him!"*

Matt. 3:17 *"17 And behold, a voice from heaven said,* ***This is My Son****, My Beloved, in Whom I delight!"*



Benefits / Blessing of Sonship:

We have seen (and there are many more scriptures that can be quoted) that the blessing is **conditional** on:

- **love** God with all of your heart **and**
- **keep** His Commandment.

A final scripture to highlight this is taken from the story of **Job**:

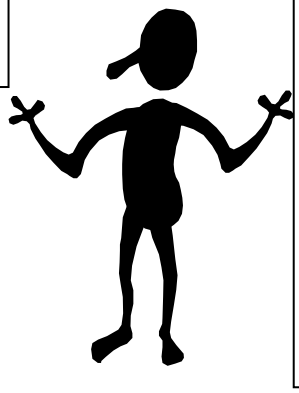
Job 11:13 *"13 If you set your heart aright and stretch out your hands to [God],"*

1. We will take dominion:

Both in the natural, i.e. over our own personal circumstance as well as over the broader community.

Earthly man:
Prayer / proclamation
Lifestyle of victory

Myself, wife, children, job



Heavenly man
Intercession / leadership in the community.
You will sit in the gates and rule like Boaz:

Ruth 4:11 *"11 And **all the people at the gate** and the **elders** said, We are **witnesses**. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, the two who built the household of Israel. May you do worthily and get wealth (power) in Ephratah and be famous in Bethlehem."*

Matt. 23:1-2 *"1 THEN JESUS said to the multitudes and to His disciples,*
*2 The **scribes** and **Pharisees** sit on **Moses' seat [of authority]**."*

2) We will love our neighbour as ourselves:

Because I have been redeemed, both within my spirit as well as in the soul (mind, will and emotions), I will become whole once again. From this platform of security I will be able to **reach out** confidently to others in need and bless them with love.

My Foundation:
- I will be steadfast / will not fear:

Job 11:15, 19 *"15 Then can you lift up your face to Him without stain [of sin, and unashamed]; yes, you **shall be steadfast and secure; you shall not fear.***

19 You shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid; yes, many shall sue for your favor."

- I will no longer remember my past mistakes (many of us carry the guilt of past mistakes with us trying to make amends):

Job 11:16 *"16 For you shall forget your misery; you shall remember it as waters that pass away."*

- I will grow old with a shiny face:

Job 11:17-18 *"17 And [your] life shall be* ***clearer than the noonday*** *and rise above it; though there be darkness, it* ***shall be as the morning****.*
18 And you shall be secure and feel confident because there is hope; yes, you shall search about you, and you shall take your rest in safety."

I am forgiven therefore I can forgive:



Ps. 32:12 *"1 BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, to be envied) is* ***he who has forgiveness of his transgression continually exercised upon him****, whose sin is covered.*
2 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
3 When I kept silence [before I confessed], my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long.
4 For day and night Your hand [of displeasure] was heavy upon me; my moisture was turned into the drought of summer. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
5 ***I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide.*** *I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord [continually unfolding the past till all is told]—then You [instantly] forgave me the guilt and iniquity of my sin. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!*
6 For this [forgiveness] let everyone who is godly pray—pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely when the great waters [of trial] overflow, they shall not reach [the spirit in] him.
7 ***You are a hiding place for me; You, Lord, preserve me from trouble****, You surround me with songs and shouts of deliverance. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!*
8 I [the Lord] will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.
9 Be not like the horse or the mule, which lack understanding, which must have their mouths held firm with bit and bridle, or else they will not come with you.
10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but ***he who trusts in, relies on, and confidently leans on the Lord shall be compassed about with mercy and with loving-kindness****.*

11 Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you [uncompromisingly] righteous [you who are upright and in right standing with Him]; shout for joy, all you upright in heart!"

I am "Asher"-happy therefore I make others happy:



Ps. 1:1-2 *"1* ***BLESSED*** *(HAPPY, fortunate, prosperous, and enviable) is the man who walks and lives not in the counsel of the ungodly [following their advice, their plans and purposes], nor stands [submissive and inactive] in the path where sinners walk, nor sits down [to relax and rest] where the scornful [and the mockers] gather.*
2 ***But his delight and desire are in the law of the Lord, and on His law (the precepts, the instructions, the teachings of God) he habitually meditates*** *(ponders and studies) by day and by night."*

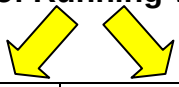
3) We will prosper

Many times believers focus on the prosperity as a sign of God's blessing, but do not experience this in reality. We need to check our hearts and motives – the sin of envy / covetousness is the root of all evil. However God has promised us this abundance of provision:

Ps. 1:3 *"3 And he shall be like a* ***tree firmly planted*** *[and tended] by the streams of water,* ***ready to bring forth its fruit*** *in its season; its leaf also shall not fade or wither; and everything he does shall prosper [and come to maturity]."*

We need to highlight the three streams of life that I must look out for:

a) Rivers of Running Water:



Earthly man:	**Heavenly man:**
I must be beside, around, in a source of life-giving water. The work of my hands must be blessed. I **must** not be lazy, I **must be diligent with my talents**. **Matt. 25:16-16, 21** *"16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he gained five talents more.*	I must be an **oasis** in the **wilderness-river water** – a place where someone can be refreshed before they venture out on the next part of their journey of destiny. **Matt. 20:13,16** *"13 But he answered one of them, Friend, I am doing you no injustice. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?*

21 His master said to him, ***Well done, you upright*** *(honorable, admirable) and faithful servant! You have been faithful and trustworthy over a little; I will put you in charge of much. Enter into and share the joy (the delight, the blessedness) which your master enjoys."*	*16 So those who [now] are last will be first [then], and those who [now] are first will be last [then]. For many are called, but few chosen."* **Rev. 22:1** *"1 THEN HE showed me the* ***river whose waters give life****, sparkling like crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and of the Lamb"*

b) A tree which bear much fruit:

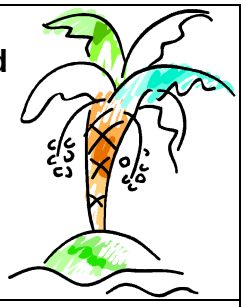


Matt. 12:33-37 *"33 Either make the tree sound (healthy and good), and its fruit sound (healthy and good), or make the tree rotten (diseased and bad), and its fruit rotten (diseased and bad); for the tree is known and recognized and judged by its fruit.*
34 You offspring of vipers! How can you speak good things when you are evil (wicked)? For out of the fullness (the overflow, the superabundance) of the heart the mouth speaks.
35 The ***good man from his inner good treasure flings forth good things****, and the evil man out of his inner evil storehouse flings forth evil things.*
36 But I tell you, on the day of judgment ***men will have to give account*** *for every idle (inoperative, nonworking) word they speak.*
37 ***For by your words you will be justified and acquitted****, and by your words you will be condemned and sentenced."*

Earthly man:	**Heavenly man:**
My work will be reflected in the standard of excellence: **Luke 6:43,45** *"43 For there is no good (healthy) tree that bears decayed (worthless, stale) fruit, nor on the other hand does a decayed (worthless, sickly) tree bear good fruit.* *45 The* ***upright*** *(honorable, intrinsically good)* ***man out of the good treasure [stored] in his heart produces what is upright*** *(honorable and intrinsically good), and the evil man out of the evil storehouse brings forth that which is depraved (wicked and intrinsically evil); for out of the abundance (overflow) of the heart his mouth speaks."*	Men whose lives are reflected in the fruit of the Spirit: **Gal. 5:22** *"22 But the* ***fruit of the [Holy] Spirit*** *[the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness,"* I will be able to perform work of charity and upliftment.

John 14:12-15 *"12 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and* ***he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.*** *13 And I will do [I Myself will grant] whatever you ask in My Name [as presenting all that I AM], so that the Father may be glorified and extolled in (through) the Son.* *14 [Yes] I will grant [I Myself will do for you] whatever you shall ask in My Name [as presenting all that I AM].* *15 If you [really] love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands."*	

c) A leaf shall not wither, i.e. will bring healing – I will be a tall date palm, those who come to this oasis will be treated with the sweetest of all fruit – the date



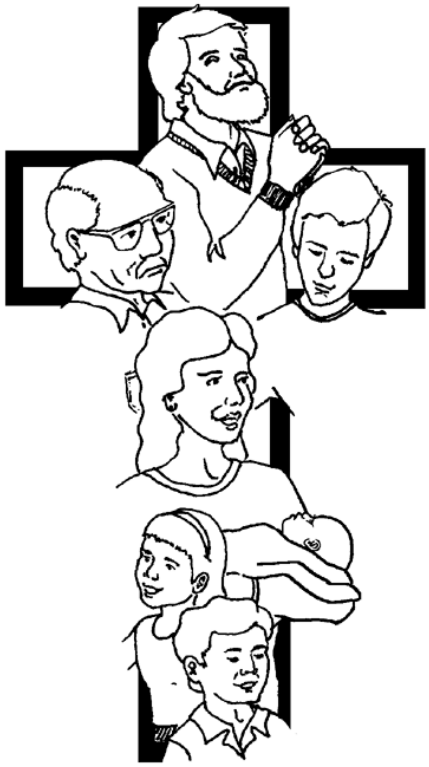
Earthly man:	**Heavenly man:**
I will walk in the **victory of a healthy life** – living to a ripe old age – the silver in my hair will bear witness to my wisdom. **Rom. 8:11** *"11 And if the Spirit of Him Who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, [then] He Who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also restore to life your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies through His Spirit Who dwells in you."* **1 Pet. 2:24** *"24 He personally bore our sins in His [own] body on the tree [as on an altar and offered Himself on it], that we might die (cease to exist) to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have* ***been healed****."*	I will **counsel word of life / healing,** deliverance and help for all who pass me by. **Rev. 22:2** *"2 Through the middle of the broadway of the city; also, on either side of the river was the tree of life with its twelve varieties of fruit, yielding each month its fresh crop; and the* ***leaves of the tree were for the healing and the restoration of the nations****."*

4) We will leave a legacy / inheritance:

A spiritual father will always be ready to **lift up his son's hands** – to use his wisdom / experience to support their vision and strength. We will be releasing the potential for the son to fly higher than the father ever could:

Earthly man:	**Heavenly man:**
Forgive, Reconcile, Restore: **Luke 15:20-24** *"20 So he got up and came to his [own] father. But while he was still a long way off,* ***his father saw him*** *and was moved with pity and tenderness [for him]; and* ***he ran and embraced him and kissed him*** *[fervently].* *21 And the son said to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son [I no longer deserve to be recognized as a son of yours]!* *22 But the father said to his bond servants, Bring quickly the best robe (the festive robe of honor) and put it on him; and give him a ring for his hand and sandals for his feet.* *23 And bring out that [wheat-]fattened calf and kill it; and let us revel and feast and be happy and make merry,* *24 Because this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found! And they began to revel and feast and make merry."*	**Empower, Release:** **Luke 15:31** *"31 And the father said to him, Son, you are* ***always with me, and all that is mine is yours****."* 

- I will leave a good name:



Eph. 3:14-15 *"14 For this reason [seeing the greatness of this plan by which you are built together in Christ], I bow my knees before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,*
15 For Whom every family in heaven and on earth ***is named*** *[that Father from Whom all fatherhood takes its title and derives its name]."*

1 John 3:1 *"1 SEE WHAT [an incredible] quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should [be permitted to]* ***be named*** *and called and counted the children of God! And so we are! The reason that the world does not know (recognize, acknowledge) us is that it does not know (recognize, acknowledge) Him."*

- I will leave an inheritance:



Rom. 8:17 *"17 And if we are [His] children, then* ***we are [His] heirs also****: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory."*

1 Pet. 1:1-9 *"1 PETER, AN apostle (a special messenger) of Jesus Christ, [writing] to the elect exiles of the dispersion scattered (sowed) abroad in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,*
2 Who were chosen and foreknown by God the Father and consecrated (sanctified, made holy) by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and to be sprinkled with [His] blood: May grace (spiritual blessing) and peace be given you in ***increasing abundance*** *[that* ***spiritual peace*** *to be realized in and through Christ, freedom from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts].*
3 Praised (honored, blessed) be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)! By His boundless mercy we have been born again to an ever-living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
4 [Born anew] ***into an inheritance which is beyond the reach of change and decay*** *[imperishable], unsullied and unfading, reserved in heaven for you,*

5 Who are being guarded (garrisoned) by God's power through [your] faith [till you fully inherit that final] salvation that is ready to be revealed [for you] in the last time.
6 [You should] be exceedingly glad on this account, though now for a little while you may be distressed by trials and suffer temptations,
7 So that [the genuineness] of your faith may be tested, [your faith] which is infinitely more precious than the perishable gold which is tested and purified by fire. [This proving of your faith is intended] to redound to [your] praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) is revealed.
8 Without having seen Him, you love Him; though you do not [even] now see Him, you believe in Him and exult and thrill with inexpressible and glorious (triumphant, heavenly) joy.
*9 [At the same time] you **receive the result** (outcome, consummation) **of your faith**, the salvation of your souls."*

- I will provide a home:

John 14:1-3 *"1 DO NOT let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely on God; believe in and adhere to and **trust in and rely also on Me**.*
*2 **In My Father's house** there are many dwelling places (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; for I am going away to prepare a place for you.*
3 And when (if) I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also."



When am I not a Son:

The Torah uses a harsh word – "**bastard**" – this has been translated in many places in the Bible as "illegitimate". An analysis of this word "bastard" reveals an interesting divergence of ideas:

Hebrew Strongs 4464 - מַמְזֵר **mamzer** which means to:
- alienate
  OR
- a mongrel

Greek Strongs 3541 - νόθος **nothos** means:
- spurious
  OR
- illegitimate

Clarity on this word Bastard / alienate:

Hebrew Strongs 1616 – **gêr** / or root word **gûr** means to:
- turn aside from the road.
- to be fearful as if in a strange place.

Ps. 69:8 *"8 I have **become a stranger** to my brethren, and an **alien** to my mother's children."*

Hebrew Strongs 5674 – âbar:

Means to:
- Cross over, to overrun
- Alter
- Make a partition
- To transgress, to turn away
- Provoke to anger

Greek Strongs 526 - ἀπαλλοτριόω **apallotrioō** which means to:
- Estrange away
- To be a **non-participant**

Eph. 2:12 *"12 [Remember] that you were at that time **separated (living apart) from Christ** [excluded from all part in Him], **utterly estranged** and **outlawed** from the rights of Israel as a nation, and **strangers with no share** in the sacred compacts of the [Messianic] promise [with no knowledge of or right in God's agreements, His covenants]. And you had no hope (no promise); you were in the world without God."*

One of the most common passages of Scripture that define the consequence of a bastard is found in:

Deut. 23:2 *"2 A person begotten out of wedlock shall not enter into the assembly of the Lord; even to his tenth generation* ***shall his descendants not enter into the congregation of the Lord."***

We read this verse with a **western mind**, not always remembering that the Torah is written by the Jews in an Eastern culture setting.

"and ***he shall not enter into*** *the congregation of the Lord."*

Generally, we think that this means that such a person can't stay in Israel, can't enter the tabernacle, and **can't** enter into the Church / Body of Messiah. However, since God has said that He will never turn a repentant soul away, we need to get another interpretation.

We find this other meaning with the interpretation: **"non-participant".**

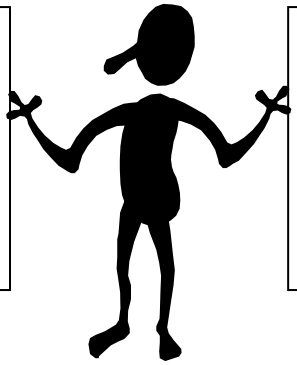
The Levites are called to be priests as a physical manifestation of the latter role that each believer will take up, but we are told that no man with a **blemish**, deformity could perform the role of priest.



We can now see that the "bastard" is "estranged away" **from** the purity of a Godly bloodline and as such is **blemished.**

This means that such a man / a bastard could not **hold a public office** such as elder, magistrate or judge.

Earthly man:
The curse of illegitimacy robs you of the blessing of true sonship, ranking and rulership on earth – i.e. you **can't take dominion**.



Heavenly man
This same curse in the spiritual realm has in a sense **left you as a city without walls** – holes in the wall!

We can't enter into the blessing of a true son.

Every child born into this world was created to be a son or daughter to someone, with a capacity to receive love from a mother and father. Yet, many of us cannot say that we have been true sons or daughters to our parents or to spiritual fathers. We are born with a spirit of independence and want control of our own lives. This kind of slave-thinking affects our relationship with authority and Father God.

We do not cast out a slave-heart, but it must be **introduced** to a Loving Father and then be **willing to receive** the Father. If we do not allow ourselves to be fathered by the Father of Creation, it becomes very easy to be deceived by the father of lies, the first, Chief spiritual orphan.

We are then left living life as if we do not have a home and feeling like spiritual orphans – a feeling that we do not have a safe and secure place where we are affirmed and protected, where we find identity and a place of belonging in the Father's love.

Two categories of Children of God.

1. Those living their lives knowing they have a home
2. Those living their lives as if they don't have a home – the **slave-heart** will always fight for that which belongs to the true sons of God.



The slave-spirit can be a **demonic spirit** and also a **heart attitude**.

The slave-heart always feels like you're on the outside looking in.

- your heart
- your house
- your work
- your church
- your city

Can all have an orphan heart

Satan's job description according to **Is. 14:6** is to **weaken the nations.** He is always subject to his own mission

Submission, subjection is very important for sonship

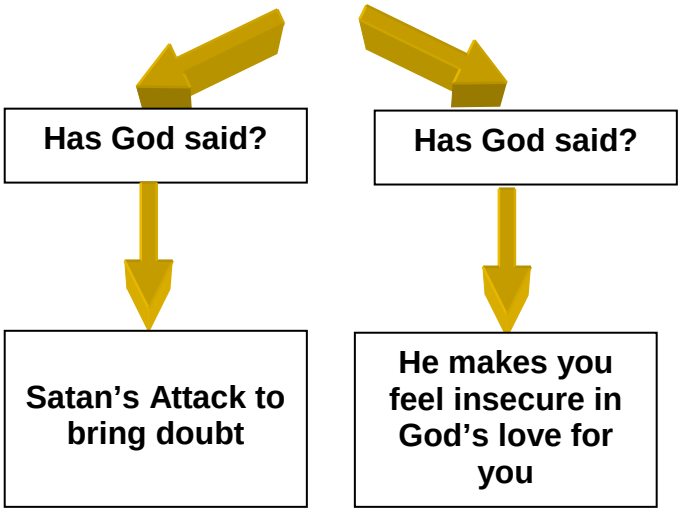
Sonship understands the Father's mission – receiving His love and giving it away.

When I am subject to God's mission – I have life
When I am subject to my own mission – I end up in death ("I will")

Always remember: The Great Commandment comes before the Great Commission.

The slave-heart is always envious of those who are in true relationship with God.

Satan's attack in the Garden of Eden:



Have you experienced doubt and insecurity in your walk with God? Whose voice have you been listening to?

The beginning of Illegitimate Thinking:

The first orphan ever was Lucifer when he was expelled from Heaven.

Eve was deceived into **illegitimate thinking**, "You will be like the Father".
"Just do it the way you want to do it."
"Eat of the wrong tree."

Father God knew when Adam and Even had sinned. They went into hiding and did not want to fellowship with Him.

As parents we know when our children are lying to us. We know when they are hiding from us because they close off their heart to us.



The Father wants to cover you – God took an animal and made clothes from the skin.
Orphan thinking

- will not take responsibility (Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed satan)
- blame others

If you chose orphan thinking you have to leave the garden of the Father's love.



A Universal Problem:

Not one of us have **ever** had sonship. We are all born with an **illegitimate spirit**. We are all born as **orphans**. We can be born again, spirit filled, etc. but still have slave/illegitimate thinking.

The turning point of 4000 years of history:

John 14:18-23 *"18* ***I will not leave you as orphans*** *[comfortless, desolate, bereaved, forlorn, helpless]; I will come [back] to you."*

Orphans have no faith for anyone to meet their need. The only thing they know is to **take** it for themselves.

You may have been introduced to the Father but you can't **receive** His love. You can legally be a son or daughter but still live your life as if you don't have a home – you can't receive the love.

Heb 12:7 *"7 You must submit to and endure [correction] for discipline; God* ***is dealing with you as with sons.*** *For what son is there whom his father does not [thus] train and correct and discipline?*
8 Now if you are ***exempt from correction*** *and* ***left without discipline*** *in which all [of God's children] share, then you are* ***illegitimate offspring and not true sons [at all].***"



So, if you **can't receive discipline**, correction, guidance then you become like an **illegitimate child / spiritual**.

One of a father's duties is to help his child deal with his/her own heart – anger, bitterness, etc.

If a child experiences that there is something in them that is against their Father, we need to ask the following question: *"When did you cease from being the son / daughter of your father or mother?"* The day you rejected your father and mother because they hurt you so badly and from then on you stopped **trusting.**

Eight step progression to an Illegitimate/Slave Heart:

1. Small children focus upon the faults we see in parental authority. Parents who have been hurt, hurt their children in a repeating cycle of destruction.

   We receive their faults as disappointment, discouragement, grief, rejection, woundedness. How can you be a father if you were never a son, but a slave in your home?



2. We lose **basic trust** in parental authority. For example: I step accidentally on your foot – ask forgiveness – you still trust me as a person with integrity, etc. Next time I walk past you, you withdraw your foot to prevent another hurt.

   You trust me as a person BUT you've lost **basic trust** and won't let me come too close – you will **withdraw**. Life with pain and rejection will cause us to lose basic trust in relationships, and can be ingrained by the time you are 5 years old. If anyone gets too close, you move behind your walls of protection. Don't trust, don't talk, and don't feel. I will not trust you enough to allow you to get near my feelings.

   Our relationships are superficial because of a **loss of basic trust**. **Basic trust is the capacity to hold your heart out to another person.**

   Basic trust: even when it hurts, you risk becoming vulnerable and keeping your heart open. If you are secure in the Father's love you can move beyond the weaknesses in others and you can release God's love in the situation. You move back into the Father's love in every situation – even if they come at you in full anger. Even if someone is misrepresenting the Father's love to you, you can still be secure.

   You avoid people. The lack of basic trust is not an issue between you and other people but it's between you and God.

   Relationships work if they are built on trust and initial respect. If I can't respect you there will be animosity in our relationship. If I can't trust you, there can't be a flow of relationship.

   If we want to have Godly relationships we must never end relationships on a negative note. Agree with your adversity. Enter into Father's rest – a place of meekness and gentleness. **Relationships blow up when I focus on what man thinks of me.**



   When I enter God's rest and **know** what God thinks of me - I live life like I have a home – I am secure. I do not need to take on the same spirit as the person that is attacking me. If I am subject to the Father, I am loved. Then God's grace comes in whatever the circumstances - – that is **basic trust.**

3. When you lose basic trust you move into a **fear of submission** in receiving love, comfort and admonishing from others. "I'll just do it myself" and you close your heart to others



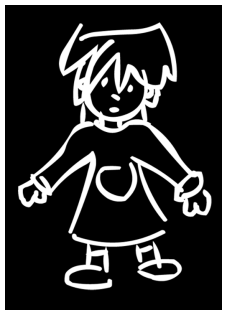
4. You take on an **independent self-reliant attitude**. "I'll just do it myself – I can't rely on anyone to do it for me." You take care of everything, yourself included, and therefore you can't cast your cares upon Yeshua/Jesus.

We want the power and control of your own life and destiny. You won't be real or open to admit need of anyone or anything. It only results in someone hurting you, disappointing you, someone letting you down again.



5. We start **controlling all our relationships**.
    - Independence and isolation
    - A fear of being hurt.
    - A fear of being known and our relationships then become **superficial**. We keep people at a distance.

6. You now form a **stronghold**:
   "No-one will be there for me."
   You feel as if no-one is there for you. You have to do things for yourself and then we build a stronghold of Independence, self-reliance, rebellious attitude and begin to **live life as spiritual "bastard"**. You don't have a safe place. You will have to fight, , wrangle, and argue for everything.

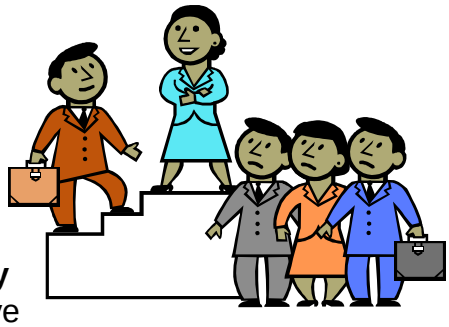


7. You start chasing after **counterfeit affections**

    - **Passions** of the flesh – you've got to bond to something. You were created for love so you will bond to something.
        - addictions – drugs / food
        - alcohol
        - porn
    - **Possessions** – worldly gain



- **Position**
  - praise of man
  - striving to be seen
  - slaving away to be seen



8. **A life of oppression – the final stage of Slavery**
   Heaviness, darkness and great difficulty, to receive any love and admonition from God and others.

Rom 8:14 *"14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."*

To come to the place of sonship you have to be led by the Spirit of God. Those that are being led by satan are not sons.

When you cut off intimacy in a relationship, the cold love that exists defiles all other relationships – they all become **conditional**. Only those that act right do right, talk right will be accepted. Those who don't agree with you, will be rejected.



You can be born again, living in the Father's house, spirit filled, BUT if you're not **led by a Fathering spirit (Heb 12:8)** you become more like a slave and when the Holy Spirit begins to move, all you want is the POWER and the FIRE etc., but you can't receive the discipline of the Father.

Anything in us that is not subjected to the Father's mission must change. During the outpouring of the Father's Blessing in Toronto and else in the world, many were **touched** by the Father's love but did not **change**.



Everyday you are either doing the deeds of the father of lies or Father of truth. We all want to be like Jesus – do not focus your life on Jesus – focus on what He focused on. Jesus was who He was (and is) because of His **Father**.

John 5:19 *"19 So Jesus answered them by saying, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the **Son is able to do nothing of Himself** (of His own accord); but He is able to do only **what He sees the Father doing**, for whatever the Father does is what the Son does in the same way [in His turn]."*

We will be who we are depending on whom we are focused on. You must discern whose voice you are listening to.

Either you focus on the Father as He speaks out of love or the father of lies (a legalist) deceives you by questions / use of partial truth to try to cause confusion. Every thought we accept determines our future. Every voice you hear and obey determines your inheritance.



If you are a **child of God**, you are joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

Inheritance: love, joy, peace, meekness, patience, self-control, ability to trust, miracles, signs and wonders.

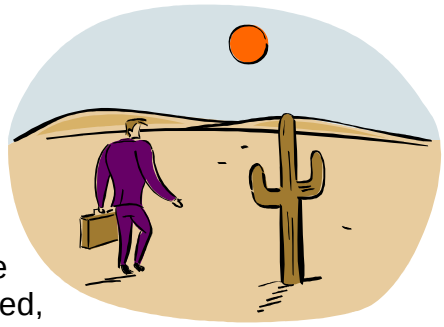
You must live in agreement with the Father of Creation, in submission to His mission: to receive love, and give it away!

Questions you need to ask yourself:
Who are you subject to?
Whose son / daughter are you?
Who are you listening to?

Sonship	**Illegitimate Thinkers**
The Comforter	Accuser of the brethren
Innocence	My gift and position
Gentleness	Let people see **me**
Meekness	Cannot submit to anyone
Openness	Take everything as personal
Humility	Criticizing, judging
Liberity	Track record of broken heart
Rest	Escaping humanity
Health	Fight for everything
Wholeness	Manipulate, control,
Mercy	wrangle trying to steal inheritance
Forgiveness	Undermining
Not just physical healing, falling down, laughing	Making others look bad so you can look good. Sucking up to people to get things and position. Never satisfied. Always wants more.

Before you can inherit you suffer!

Heb 5: 8-9 *"8 Although He was a Son,* ***He learned [active, special] obedience through what He suffered***
9 And, [His completed experience] making Him perfectly [equipped], *He became the Author and Source of eternal salvation to all those who give heed and obey Him,"*



Inheritance is not for slaves – it's for sons! Conflict in relationships helps you see what the uncrucified areas in your heart are.

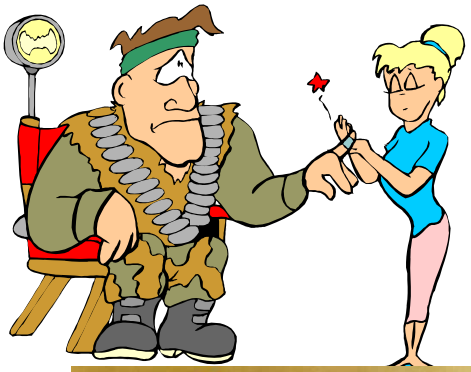


Illegitimate thinkers are always looking for the high places, the places where you'll be recognized, and the place where you're stroked and patted – it's every slave's thinking.

Illegitimate thinkers walk with an intravenous drip in their hand, they run up to whoever is important in the building, stick in their intravenous drip – "just praise me, just value me, let me be the centre of attention."

Illegitimate children will try to get their unhealed needs of fatherlessness met.

When the Father of Creation tells you that He loves you and values you and your needs are fulfilled, you don't need to get other people's approval. "I'm loved the way I am and not the way I should be".



Illegitimate thinkers have relationships built on what you will do for them. You cannot measure your sonship on other people's faithfulness and loyalty.

<u>Question:</u> What are your **reasons** for being loyal and faithful? What am I to get out of all this? Doing all the right things but never having the father's heart – older brother.



Illegitimate thinkers value the Father for what the Father will do for him – not for intimacy and love.

The illegitimate thinker is not subject to the Father's mission. They believe they are being used. When Father says "no" to what they want, the illegitimate thinker **takes offence** – personal rejection.

- Illegitimate thinkers don't look to the future – **"what comforts my pain**

now?" They have a "short-cut spirit.

- Their feelings of being right justifies their negative attitude.
- They can't feel compassion. Everyone must meet **their** need.
- They are always **right**.
- They justify, vindicate out of their rightness the amount of hurt they cause others. Criticizing and demeaning others.

The illegitimate thinker values authority figures for what they can get out of them. Even in marriage – "what can I get out of this?" Their children must meet their need.

Illegitimate thinkers do all the right things for the wrong reasons. They don't feel other's pain.
All they know is they are right. "If someone else is hurting it's their problem."

Illegitimate thinkers consume the blessings of God upon their own lusts until one day their inheritance is all gone.

Heb 12: 7-8 *"7 You must **submit to** and endure [correction] for **discipline**; God is dealing with you as with **sons**. For what son is there whom his father does not [thus] train and correct and discipline?*
*8 Now if you are **exempt from correction** and **left without discipline** in which all [of God's children] share, then you are **illegitimate offspring** and not true sons [at all]."*

If you're not able to receive discipline / correction then you are illegitimate children.



The Word: Subject = submission
Underneath and push up and life flows through you.

To illustrate, let's look at this scenario:

Two people fall into a pit. For both to come out, one will need to submit to another. One will need to bow down and allow the other one to climb onto his back. Then the one in submission needs to push up so that both will live. Submission = self-redemption.

Illegitimate Thinkers:

Be subject to your own mission and die. "I don't have enough basic trust to submit to believe you'll get me out of the pit". If you're not submitted anywhere you'll go nowhere.

Rom 8: 16-17 *"16 The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God.*
17 And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow ***heirs with Christ*** *[sharing His inheritance with Him]; only we* ***must share His suffering if we are to share His glory****."*

We are joint heirs with Christ, but we must first suffer then inherit.

Illegitimate thinkers say: "As long as you meet my need I will serve you." But when you (my authority figure) have a need, a place of weakness and despair, then you will see what is really in my heart.

- The illegitimate thinker's heart will abandon.
- The illegitimate thinker values more what you can do for him than intimacy, love and relationship.
- The illegitimate thinker is in agreement with the accuser. "I will".

When we are no longer submitted to the Father's mission – death begins to come. Elisha said to Elijah – "My Father, my Father, I will not leave you".

If you stay with the Father, you will inherit. The sufferings of this present time can't compare with the glory that lies ahead!

The enemy tried very hard to get Jesus to receive the heart of an illegitimate thinker. He knew if he succeeded, we would never be saved.

The illegitimate thinker will never come into the glory that is yet to be revealed. You learn obedience through suffering as a son, and then you'll become a signpost towards eternal salvation.

What is the suffering?

In Luke 2 we read the story of Jesus as a twelve year old teaching in the Synagogue. It was during the time of the feast of Passover – He had to submit to parents who did not understand what He was doing. Years later Jesus weeps over Jerusalem. For the next 18 years He went home to make furniture and submitted to His earthly father and mother.

Verse 51: continued in **subjection** to them, underneath and pushing up. Jesus showed us through His example that He had to do His earthly father's mission first before He could do His Heavenly mission.
First the natural then the spiritual (1 Cor. 15:46). He was given **favour,** acceptance, kindness, thanks, gratitude, grace, without expectation of anything in return.

Gal. 4:6-7 *"6 And because **you [really] are [His] sons,** God has sent the [Holy] Spirit of His Son into our hearts, **crying, Abba (Father)! Father!***
*7 Therefore, you are **no longer a slave** (bond servant) **but a son**; and if a son, then [it follows that you are] an **heir by the aid of God, through Christ."***

John the Baptist

Jesus was in submission to the law and the authority that ruled during the time that He walked on earth. He submitted to be baptized by John that Baptist. He had to receive from man to be able to receive from God. **How can you minister to others if you are not receiving ministry from others?** Willing to be subject to man brings humility and brokenness. Dying to the flesh.

What is very important to understand is that submission does not mean you must submit to ABUSIVE AUTHORITY OF CONTROL AND MANIPULATION.

1 John 4:20 *"20 If anyone says, I love God, and hates (detests, abominates) his brother [in Christ], he is a liar; **for he who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, Whom he has not seen**."*

How can you love God who you can't see if you can't love man who you can see?

First Relationship then Ministry:

"This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Jesus was first **affirmed** by the Father's love **before** He started His ministry.

First the Great Commandment before the Great Commission!

After you receive the Father's love you are led into the wilderness to make sure that all you need is really only the Father's love. Satan will do everything to try and steal from you your sonship. He will come to you with **illegimate thinking.**

When satan tried to tempt Jesus in the wilderness, he attacked Him on all 3 levels where Adam and Eve failed.

Has God said?

1. The **passions** of the **flesh – "turn these stones into bread";**
2. **position - "cast yourself down" – self reliance;**
3. and **possessions – kingdom of this world;**

These are all counterfeit affections. After the temptations in the wilderness, satan departed and the angels ministered to Him. Note the order:
First the revelation about the Father's love, then the wilderness experience.



What equips us for ministry?

- Being subject to the Father's mission.
- Subject to someone else in the ministry.
- Overcoming temptation in wilderness (moral failures).

Only then are you ready for your own ministry.

Luke 4:18-19 *"18 The **Spirit of the Lord [is] upon Me**, because He has anointed Me [the Anointed One, the Messiah] to **preach the good news (the Gospel) to the poor**; He has sent Me to **announce release to the captives** and recovery **of sight to the blind**, to **send forth as delivered those who are oppressed** [who are downtrodden, bruised, crushed, and broken down by calamity],*
*19 **To proclaim the accepted and acceptable year of the Lord** [the day when salvation and the free favors of God profusely abound.]"*

Abusive authority – Saul

David was forced to get away from Saul or else he would die. He continued to live as a son and stayed submitted, honoring Saul. There **are** many Sauls in the land. But that does not change the Godly principle about sonship.

The illegitimate heart is dependent on his gifts, talents and anointing to make it in the ministry. But the son is completely dependent on the Father. Qualifications for being able to minister: "I can't do this without the Father".

This is reflected in the sons of Aaron. These first two sons die because of their illegitimate attitude but the younger two go on to become priests. The meaning of the son's name who takes over (Eleazer) is: "I can't do anything without God."
We pride ourselves to being independent but it is ungodly.

SONSHIP	ILLEGITIMATE THINKER
	
It's not about TRUTH – it's about love	Lives by the **love of law.** Their relationship with God is based on TRUTH.
He is at peace with the Father.	Constantly insecure striving, trying to act right and do right, no peace.
Not dependent on performance but on what the Father has done and on what Jesus has done on the Cross.	Dependent on the praise of men – fear of man, approval of man – then you're in trouble – you pull away from God.

Motives and the Intentions of the Heart reveal the Nature of the Illegitimate Man

What is the motivation for Christian disciplines like prayer and fasting, etc.? Sense of acceptance is based on his human effort.

What we see taking place in the natural is often a reflection of what is beginning to occur in the spiritual **(1 Corinthians 15:46).** The **spirit of Ishmael** (the orphan heart) warring against the **spirit of Isaac** (the spirit of a son) seems to be the dominating spirit upon the earth today.

The same spirit that is releasing terrorism upon the earth is also prevalent within all of society. **Rivalry, envy**, and **jealousy** produce **violence** within both the natural and spiritual realms as we compete with one another for the hearts of people and seek to establish our own land.

Our search for **acceptance**, **significance**, and **identity** often results in a wrestling match as we grasp for what we deem is rightfully ours. It is evident within politics, the workplace, the entertainment and sports industries, and sadly, even within the Church. The result can be a "holy war" unconsciously proclaimed by those with an orphan heart as they struggle with their brethren for **position**, and **authority**, and **inheritance**.

Ishmael (meaning "whom God hears"), was the first-born of Abraham to Hagar, the handmaiden of Sarah, Abraham's wife. At 16 years of age, Ishmael was forced into the wilderness, away from his father, because of jealousy and rivalry between the two women over whose son would have rights to the inheritance of Abraham **(Genesis 21:9-21).**

Arabic historians divide the Arabs **into two races**:
(1) Pure Arabs, descendants of Joktan; and
(2) Mixed Arabs, descendants of Ishmael.

The prophecies from **Genesis 16:12 and 25:18** are now and have always been true:

> *"And he (Ishmael) will be a wild donkey of a man, **his hand will be against everyone, and everyone's hand will be against him**… He settled in defiance of all his relatives."*

Since the moment Ishmael experienced rejection from his father through the next 3900 years, many of Ishmael's descendants' attitudes, dispositions, manners, habits, government, or dress have not changed.

What also has not changed is the tension between the one who lives life as if he does not have a home (the spirit of a slave) and the one who is secure in his father's love and heart (the spirit of sonship).

Often within the church, it is difficult to tell whether a person walks in the heart attitude of a slave or a son (this includes daughters).
Outwardly, a person may have a pattern of service, sacrifice, discipline, and apparent loyalty, but you do not know what is inside a person until he or she gets bumped. Then the attitude of the heart overflows at a time when they feel they are not getting the recognition or favor they deserve.

Somehow the difference lies in the **motives and intentions of the heart.** Let us look at the following chart and see what is revealed as we put definitions to the terms "spiritual orphan" and "spiritual son" and place them side by side in contrast with one another.

> **Hebrews 12:7-9** *"It is for discipline that you endure; **God deals with you as with sons;** for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather **be subject to the Father of spirits, and live**?"*

Defining an illegitimate thinker versus Sonship:

THE ILLEGITIMATE THINKER		SONSHIP
See God as Master	**IMAGE OF GOD**	See God as a loving Father
Independent / Self-reliant	**DEPENDENCY**	Interdependent / Acknowledges Need
Live by the Love of Law	**THEOLOGY**	Live by the Law of Love
Insecure / Lack peace	**SECURITY**	Rest and Peace
Strive for the praise, approval, and acceptance of man	**NEED FOR APPROVAL**	Totally accepted in God's love and justified by grace
A need for personal achievement as you seek to impress God and others, or no motivation to serve at all	**MOTIVE FOR SERVICE**	Service that is motivated by a deep gratitude for being unconditionally loved and accepted by God
Duty and earning God's favor or no motivation at all	**MOTIVE BEHIND CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES**	Pleasure and delight
"Must" be holy to have God's favor, thus increasing a sense of shame and guilt	**MOTIVE FOR PURITY**	"Want to" be holy; do not want anything to hinder intimate relationship with God
Self-rejection from comparing yourself to others	**SELF-IMAGE**	Positive and affirmed because you know you have such value to God
Seek comfort in counterfeit affections: addictions, compulsions, escapism, busyness, hyper-religious activity	**SOURCE OF COMFORT**	Seek times of quietness and solitude to rest in the Father's presence and love

Competition, rivalry, and jealousy toward others' success and position	**PEER RELATIONSHIPS**	Humility and unity as you value others and are able to rejoice in their blessings and success
Accusation and exposure in order to make yourself look good by making others look bad	**HANDLING OTHERS' FAULTS**	Love covers as you seek to restore others in a spirit of love and gentleness
See authority as a source of pain; distrustful toward them and lack a heart attitude of submission	**VIEW OF AUTHORITY**	Respectful, honoring; you see them as ministers of God for good in your life
Difficulty receiving admonition; you must be right so you easily get your feelings hurt and close your spirit to discipline	**VIEW OF ADMONITION**	See the receiving of admonition as a blessing and need in your life so that your faults and weaknesses are exposed and put to death
Guarded and conditional; based upon others' performance as you seek to get your own needs met	**EXPRESSION OF LOVE**	Open, patient, and affectionate as you lay your life and agendas down in order to meet the needs of others
Conditional & Distant	**SENSE OF GOD'S PRESENCE**	Close & Intimate
Bondage	**CONDITION**	Liberty
Feel like a Servant/Slave	**POSITION**	Feel like a Son/Daughter
Spiritual ambition; the earnest desire for some spiritual achievement and distinction and the willingness to strive for it; a desire to be seen and counted among the mature.	**VISION**	To daily experience the Father's unconditional love and acceptance and then be sent as a representative of His love to family and others.
Fight for what you can get!	**FUTURE**	Sonship releases your inheritance!



The illegitimate thinker is not something you can cast out because it is ungodly beliefs and/or attitudes of our flesh that has been developing over a lifetime.

It has become part of our personality and character. It must be displaced (put to death) by a personal experience in the Father's love and a revelation of the spirit of sonship. This will require a re-positioning of our life.

Many people have been given words that God will use them mightily to minister to others.

Yet, it seems the day and the hour of the Lord's release in your life has been delayed.

Others have wondered why they have prayed every prayer known to mankind for deliverance or healing of emotional pain, yet they still battle frustration, anxiety, loneliness, and fears.

We have to address the hidden, unconscious issues of the spiritual slave.

Heb 13: 5 *"5* ***Let your character or moral disposition be free from love of money*** *[including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions] and be satisfied with your present [circumstances and with what you have]; for He [God] Himself has said,* ***I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]"***

I am at home with the Father!

- If God had a refrigerator, He would have your picture on it.
- If He had a wallet, your photo will be in it.
- He could live anywhere in the universe He wants, BUT He chose to live in you!

UNDERSTANDING THE CURSE OF ILLEGITIMACY

REACHING THE LOST SHEEP

The curse of illegitimacy starts at the time of an **illegitimate conception**. Its consequence is that for ten generations people are not able to come into the congregation of the Lord.

Sex outside of marriage, even if that couple subsequently gets married before the child is born, produces an illegitimate child. That child is the second generation of the next ten. If the people repent and break that curse, they and the child that they have authority over, are set free to come into the congregation of the Lord.



In the Old Testament the only way to break the curse of illegitimacy was through capital punishment -- death to all the family.

In the New Testament, Jesus died on the cross to redeem us from **the curse of the law** - if we repent. His death on the cross substituted the need for us to die in order to break the curse.

Praise God! His mercy endures forever and ever.

In **Deuteronomy 23:2**, it says ten generations. Do you know everything that has transpired in the last ten generations in your family? Many parents don't even know what their children did last night. How can we know the details of all our ancestors' lives for the past four hundred or more years?

Just as Israel, though given the Promised Land, had to take each city by faith and obedience to divine revelation, so must Christians today **take each of their promised blessings by such faith and obedience.**

Today, our deliverer is not Moses. Our deliverer is Jesus Christ. He will lead His people to a place of learning to **hear** and **obey** God. If they resist and remain stubbornly disobedient to hearing and obeying His voice, **they will never cross over into the Promised Land of New Testament blessings**. Instead, they will remain in the place of wilderness wandering. For example, Jesus came to bring a more than abundant life **(John 10:10)**. And in **3 John 2**, we learn that above all things, God wants us to **prosper** and **be in health**.

3 John 2 *"2 Beloved, I pray that you may **prosper in every way** and **[that your body] may keep well**, even as [I know] your soul keeps well and prospers."*

But what does it take to receive this health and prosperity? The rest of the verse says **that our souls must prosper**.

How do our souls prosper? By **believing** and **obeying** the Word of God, which leads us to developing a **personal relationship** with The Word of God, Jesus Christ. He is the Living Word, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Curses are the very things that satan uses to interfere with the blessings given to God's people by their Heavenly Father. They are his stealth technology.

Generational curses, occultic curses, curses spoken by believers against other believers, **Christian judgmental statements (which are curses), gossip curses**, even **clergy curses** -- these give all the authority satan needs to undermine the Christian's blessings from God. Remember, God's gifts and calling are without repentance.[5] God never takes away His gifts.



The curse of illegitimacy and its consequences directly interfere with our ability to come into the congregation (fellowship) of the Lord. We believe that the curse of illegitimacy interferes with our ability to stay **God-hungry**. This results in our seeking to find our own way to God. Or, stated in the language of Deuteronomy, **we try to find our own way into the congregation of the Lord**.

TRACING THE CURSE OF ILLEGITIMACY

How does satan use the curse of illegitimacy to keep God's people from **drawing near**? How has he used it to **frustrate the purposes of God** to have close fellowship with His people? To answer these questions, let's begin again in Deuteronomy 23.

1. Lot's Daughters

Deuteronomy 23:2-3 *"2* ***A person begotten out of wedlock shall not enter into the assembly of the Lord; even to his tenth generation shall his descendants not enter into the congregation of the Lord.***
3 An ***Ammonite*** *or* ***Moabite*** *shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to their tenth generation their descendants shall not enter into the assembly of the Lord forever,"*

[5] **Romans 11:29** ***"****29 For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call.]"*

Why does God immediately mention that the **Ammonites** and **Moabites** fell under the curse of illegitimacy? The reason is explained in verse four: **they failed to help Israel with bread and water in the wilderness**, and because **they hired the prophet Balaam to curse them.**



But, these behaviors are the direct result of the curse of illegitimacy, and the record of this incident is noted in **Genesis 19:30-38**.[6] In these Scriptures, **Lot's daughters** have no husbands after the cities Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed. In order to raise up children to carry on their father's name, they made their father drunk and laid with him at night.

Both daughters became pregnant from their **incest** and bore sons, **Ammon and Moab**, who became the nations by those names.

Ammon and Moab were illegitimate children. They and their descendents could never come into the congregation of the Lord. The curse of illegitimacy on these children, however, gave satan the authority to attack God's people with curses. This time, those attacks were thwarted by God's love for Israel. Satan got better at using this curse over time.

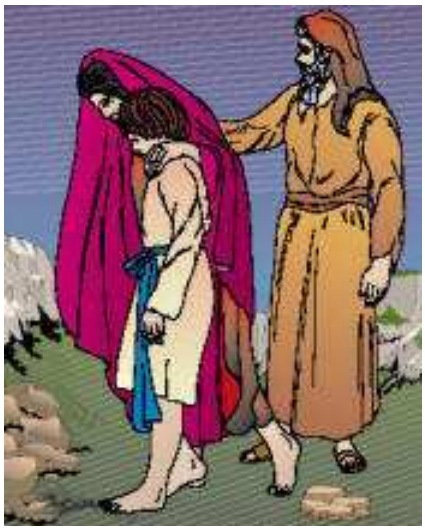
God created man, not only in His image, but He also created man **for fellowship**. The curse of illegitimacy prevents that fellowship from occurring because the consequence of this curse is that people are not able to **come into their full potential of sonship** within the congregation of the Lord.

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[6] **Genesis 19:30-38** *"30 And Lot went up out of Zoar and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him, for he feared to dwell in Zoar; and he lived in a cave, he and his two daughters.*
31 The elder said to the younger, Our father is aging, and there is not a man on earth to live with us in the customary way.
32 Come, let us make our father drunk with wine, and we will lie with him, so that we may preserve offspring (our race) through our father.
33 And they made their father drunk with wine that night, and the older went in and lay with her father; and he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she arose.
34 Then the next day the firstborn said to the younger, See here, I lay last night with my father; let us make him drunk with wine tonight also, and then you go in and lie with him, so that we may preserve offspring (our race) through our father.
35 And they made their father drunk with wine again that night, and the younger arose and lay with him; and he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she arose.
36 Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father.
37 The older bore a son, and named him Moab [of a father]; he is the father of the Moabites to this day.
38 The younger also bore a son and named him Ben-ammi [son of my people]; he is the father of the Ammonites to this day."

It is God's primary will that we take up our place in the congregation of the Lord, because this is the **place of intimacy** and **fellowship** – the purpose for making man in the first place!

2. Abraham and Hagar



Satan's next attempt to introduce the curse of illegitimacy on the bloodline of God's people occurred with **Abram**. God had covenanted with Abram, declaring that he would be the father of many nations. Abram and Sarah faithlessly pre-empted God by taking Hagar and producing the **illegitimate son, Ishmael.** Ishmael was cursed. He was not God's plan. **Ishmael was the result of Abraham's flesh-decision to do God's will** his own way instead of God's way.

Genesis 16:11-12
*And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. And he **will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him**; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.*

Ishmael would be unable to live peaceably with every man. Think about this. **The curse of illegitimacy prevents people from fellowship with God and with others.** This curse lasts for at least 400 years. Naturally, satan doesn't stop fostering this curse simply with the first incidence, but endeavors to keep it running continually with subsequent generations as well. Ishmael, and all his descendants, are under this curse. Who are Ishmael's descendents? They constitute one of the world's three great religions today which claim Abraham as their father. This curse is very far reaching, even today.

3. The Curse of Judah

The next recorded incident of the curse of illegitimacy at work is in **Genesis 38**. The entire chapter relates how **Judah** refused to give either of his two remaining sons to his widowed daughter-in-law, **Tamar**, as required under the law. Realizing this, Tamar dressed as a prostitute and seduced her father-in-law to lie with her. The children that resulted from this incest were illegitimate. They were bastards, and thus the bastard curse commenced upon them and their descendants for the next ten generations.

Satan tried very hard to corrupt the bloodline through which Jesus Christ would be on His mother's side. The curse of illegitimacy is very powerful. Sin leads to more sin. But the curse of illegitimacy is what injects a corrupting effect that lasts for ten generations.

No other sin in the Bible results in such an enduring curse. **Death was the only means to eradicate the effects of this curse in the Old Testament.** To eliminate it, not only was the death of the immediate perpetrators required, but **their entire bloodline had to be purged by death.** Remember, if only one person was spared, the curse could continue to grow in subsequent generations. We are not simply talking about sin that could be erased through repentance or any other means of sacrifice. **The curse of illegitimacy's effect was lasting**, and in effect, was satan's **heavy artillery** to destroy the bloodline as well as keep God's children from the congregation of the Lord.



Tamar deceived Judah. There were many serious sins involved. Not only did she deceive him, but Judah's sons were illegitimate children, his grandsons were illegitimate children, and the cycle of curses on his bloodline continued. Remember that Satan was trying to get to the **seed of the woman** in **Genesis 3:15.**

A curse gives authority to the devil to interfere with the will of God in mankind's life. The curse of illegitimacy was Satan's primary tactic to accomplish this in Judah's bloodline down to **King David's father, Jesse**. By corrupting the bloodline, he could keep God's children from developing a close relationship with Him, and try to spoil the seed of the woman from being born. He did not know that the seed of the woman, Jesus Christ, would have only the woman's seed and not a human father's seed. But nevertheless, **satan's strategy was to destroy the woman's bloodline** so thoroughly that it could not produce the seed necessary to defeat him as spoken by God in **Genesis 3:14 and 15**.



4. The House of Jesse

Have you ever wondered why the house of Jesse, David's father, was prophesied to be the line through which the kings of Israel would come, and yet Saul was chosen as the first king?

Isaiah 11:1-12 *"1 AND THERE shall come forth a **Shoot out of the stock of Jesse** [David's father], and a Branch out of his roots shall grow and bear fruit.*
2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the reverential and obedient fear of the Lord—
3 And shall make Him of quick understanding, and His delight shall be in the reverential and obedient fear of the Lord. And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, neither decide by the hearing of His ears;
4 But with righteousness and justice shall He judge the poor and decide with fairness for the meek, the poor, and the downtrodden of the earth; and He shall smite the earth and the oppressor with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.
5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of His waist and faithfulness the girdle of His loins.
6 And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatted domestic animal together; and a little child shall lead them…"

Satan's effort to counter God's plan for the house of Jesse involved **Saul**. This was his **second effort to thwart God's plan for the house of Jesse**. His first effort had been through the curse of illegitimacy on Judah and Tamar. Remember the curse of illegitimacy was effective for ten generations? Jesse was the tenth generation from Judah!

Matthew 1:1-6 *"1 THE BOOK of the ancestry (genealogy) of Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed), the son (descendant) of David, the son (descendant) of Abraham.*
*2 **Abraham** was the father of **Isaac**, Isaac the father of **Jacob**, Jacob the father of **Judah** and his brothers,*
*3 Judah the father of **Perez** and **Zerah**, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of **Hezron**, Hezron the father of **Aram**,*
*4 Aram the father of **Aminadab**, Aminadab the father of **Nahshon**, Nahshon the father of **Salmon**,*
*5 Salmon the father of **Boaz**, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of **Obed**, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of **Jesse**,*
*6 **Jesse the father of King David**, King David the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah,"*

The Curse Started Again!

David and Bethsheba constituted generation number one of the curse of illegitimacy. When the child died, some people would say that the death took care of the curse, which was the required punishment under the law for both the child and the parents. But in this case, the parents continued to live. God extended His mercy to David. But even with God's mercy**, the consequences still remained as a curse in David and Bethsheba's bloodline.**

A legitimate child is born from a marriage of a man and a woman. Their love produces offspring that are blessed. **An illegitimate child is not from love, but from lust outside of marriage.** In this case, **satan used this advantage**

to leverage David into more sin. Adultery was accompanied by ordering the murder of Uriah, which produced additional generational curses in his family, all of which came into being in association with the curse of illegitimacy.

The results in David's children included:

- **incest,**

  David's firstborn son Ammon **raped** his half-sister Tamar.
  Tamar was left destitute for the rest of her life with soul ties to this half-brother.

- **murder,**

  Absalom went against his father David's wishes not to kill Ammon. After killing Ammon, Absalom rose up and decided to be king. He took David's wives, in fulfillment of Nathan's prophecy in **2 Samuel 12:11**. Absalom even determined to kill his father. All of this cost Absalom his life.

- **rebellion,**
- **and attempts to take over the throne.**

  Another son, Adonijah tried to usurp David's throne when he was old. He conspired with Joab and the high priest Abiathar. **Adonijah** was murdered subsequently by Solomon, whose problems are also well known.[7]



Notice that these problems arose in just the second generation alone.

With the curse of illegitimacy, evil gets worse and worse with each generation. The evil that followed in David's generations included:

- personal rebellion,
- sickness,
- suicide,
- murder,
- mental illness, and much more.

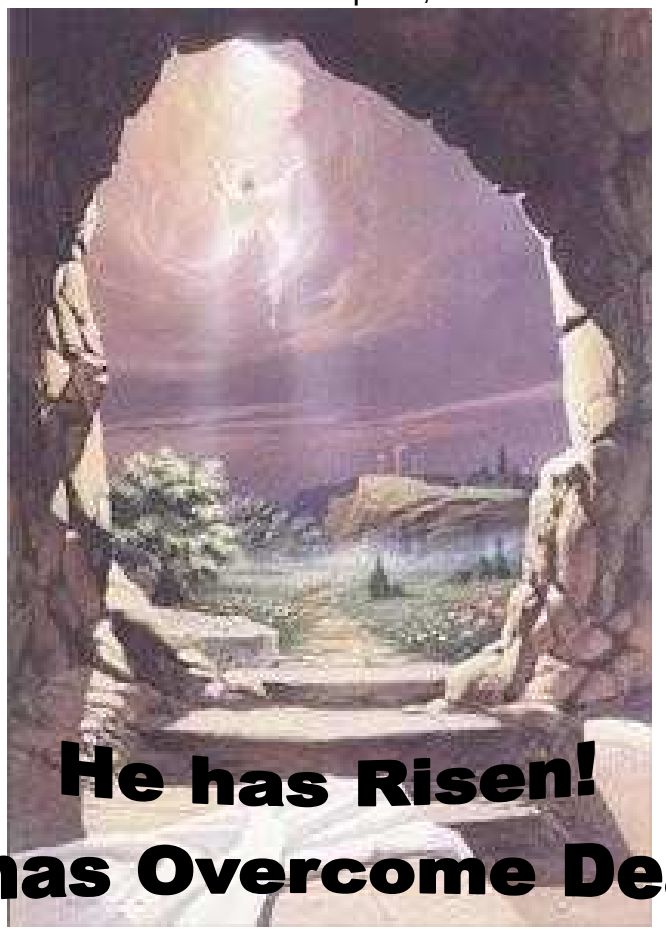
Almost every king, with only a few exceptions, became more evil with each reign. Those who did follow God were never able to fully rid the land of idolatry and sin as God desired.

[7] I Kings 11

Of David's first six sons:

- the **first**, Amnon raped Tamar and then was murdered by Absalom.
- Of the **second**, Chibb; **fifth**, Sephatiah, and **sixth**, Itham, no mention is made.
- The **third**, Absalom, was rebellious, a murderer, attempted murder of father, and was murdered himself.
- The **fourth**, Adonijah, plotted and attempted to take David's throne when David had his last illness. These had total disregard for God's house.

At this point, satan had gathered so much authority in the kings of Israel through the curse of illegitimacy and other generational curses, that it looked like he had won. Yet for all this, satan did not know that in Jesus Christ, God had His own seed. In all of satan's deception, he was the most deceived of all!



THE EFFECT OF THIS SPIRIT / CURSE CONTINUES TO MAKE WAR AGAINST THE BELIEVER TODAY:

1. War – Ancient and Modern

Consider **warfare** - ancient and modern. War has, for centuries, involved **raping, killing, and plundering**. Every war, from the smallest African tribal conflict to the largest world war has always left behind a **trail of illegitimate children**.

- If you are from a **European background**, you will know that many bloodlines were corrupted by such warring peoples as:
    - the Goths,
    - the Gauls,
    - the Celtics,
    - the Franks,
    - the Vikings as they devastated villages all over Europe,
    - the Germans in the time of Hitler. He had so-called "breeding farms" where young girls were encouraged to have babies with SS soldiers to further the "superior" race.

- Or if you are from **Asia**, how many generations have been affected by the marauding:
    - Huns,
    - Mongols,
    - or Seleucids?

- Or from **American Indians**, who warred against neighboring tribal nations?
- Or from **Africa** where many **tribal wars** have taken place as well as **racism** and **slavery**. In **African cultures** we have a culture that a woman must first produce a child before the man will marry her.



You can be pretty sure that we all have been under this curse, and still are if we have not repented for the sins of our forefathers or our own sin in these matters.

2. Abortion

We must add that an abortion does not set people free from the curse of illegitimacy, even though the child was killed before it had a chance to be born. If you have done this, even though you have asked God to forgive you for the abortion, you still need to repent to remove the curse of illegitimacy off you.

Example of a Family under this Curse:

Four family generations which included:

- mother,
- daughter,
- grandchildren
- and great grandchildren.

Mother ran away from home at fifteen (claimed poverty was the reason), lived with a man, conceived an illegitimate daughter. The daughter runs away at fifteen, lives with a man, conceived grand-daughter; lives with another man, creates another illegitimate grandson and grand-daughter; marries, has legitimate grandson; divorces, lives with another man and has illegitimate grand-daughter.

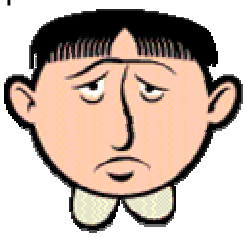
First grand-daughter entices man to sex, conceives child and forces man into marriage. Second grand-daughter, the step-father exposes himself to her. First grandson is very promiscuous. Second grandson (only legitimate child) is the only Christian with any strength; he is very weak and unsure. Last grand-daughter, thirteen years old, finds out she is also illegitimate and is broken - hearted over it.

Here are some of the negative character traits that are evident of this curse:

- Never feeling at home in any church for long. Cannot enter into relationships at any church, become dissatisfied and move to a different church approximately each year.
- Never feel good about themselves – ashamed for people to look at them,
- Have an overriding fear of failure / authority figures. Do you have an unusual desire to please peers and adults or a fear of not being accepted by God?
- Striving excessively to succeed and stopping short of realizing the goal,
- A rebel / resisting authority / have no respect for others,
- Fighting verbally and physically,



- Demonic pressure toward sexual activities. Do you sell yourself for nothing? If you have a tendency to perversions or violence, agitating passion, moral conflict and craving or covetousness, perhaps the curse of illegitimacy is on you.
- No joy in natural or spiritual life.



Illegitimacy is most common on the first-born, but emotional illegitimacy can be upon a child in a large family – feeling they don't belong in the family.

A person who has a foundation of illegitimacy, who feels homeless and fatherless, can often even reject his / her homeland and heritage. (Prodigal Son – Luke 15.)



This person then bonds together with others in **injustice** and **hatred of authority** and **rebellion**. They usually become very seductive and promiscuous.

They leave the "Father's house" – spiritually. They go to a "far country" and eat pigs' food. They have a hunger deep within that cannot be satisfied. Illegitimacy births an **anger towards God.**

Illegitimacy leaves a huge deposit of rejection and a mindset of *"I am not wanted anywhere."*

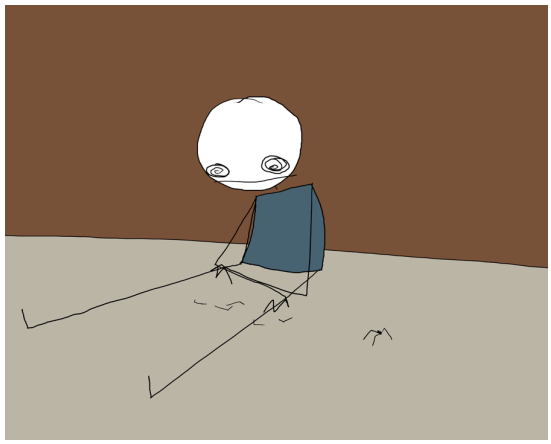
When our father curses us instead of blessing us, we are left with **grief, sorrow, rejection and anger.**

Illegitimacy will cause us to put up a huge wall of **self-protection**.

It can become so thick that it can be impossible for a person to know how much pain is really in their own heart.

ADOPTION – GOD'S PLAN OF RESTORATION:

The concept of adoption has a negative connotation to it. Within the world system of today, children are literally thrown away / abandoned for a variety of reasons.



This reflection is emotionally a source of great distress. However, the mental trauma of **"not being wanted" / second hand** is even more difficult to handle.

Most certainly the society in general attaches a **stigma** onto such a person. This is probably one of the cruelest twists in human perversion and iniquity. **After all what did the child do wrong,** it is after all the parent who should carry the moral judgment if any is needed.

The process of adoption in the physical is also not always the easiest and most pleasant. Prospective parent often adopt because of their own inability to have children of their own. Consequently we find two worlds coming together – each bringing its own load of baggage.

It is safe to say that generally speaking, the process of adoption is not always seen in the best light. This negative image is certainly not God's idea of adoption and it really calls for a significant **renewing** of the mind to see adoption **from God's perspective.**

Adoption is God's Plan:

1) **Adoption was planned before** the disruption of the world:

Eph. 1:4-5, 11 *"4 Even as [in His love] He chose us [actually picked us out for Himself as His own] in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and blameless in His sight, even above reproach, before Him in love.*
*5 For **He foreordained us** (destined us, planned in love for us) **to be adopted (revealed) as His own children** through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will [because it pleased Him and was His kind intent]—*
*11 In Him we also were made [God's] heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had **been foreordained** (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His [own] will,"*

Hearts of the Fathers and Children

The Word teaches us that in the last days the hearts of the fathers will be turned to the hearts of the children and so also will the hearts of the children be turned back to their fathers.

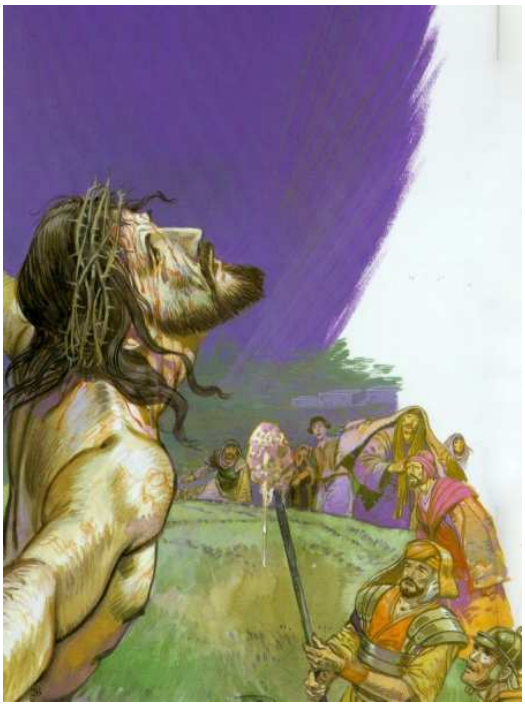
Mal. 4:6 *"6 And he shall turn and **reconcile the hearts of the [estranged] fathers** to the [ungodly] **children**, and the **hearts of the [rebellious] children** to [the piety of] their **fathers** [a reconciliation produced by repentance of the ungodly], lest I come and smite the land with a curse and a ban of utter destruction."*

What is a home?

warmth	tenderness
protection	valued gentleness
security	honored
affirmation	accepted
comfort	nature

A survey showed that 80% of a Christian's thinking is negative thinking and in line with the Accuser of Brethren.

2) Adoption is energized / **empowered /** accomplished when **Yeshua died on the Cross.**



John 19:30 *"30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, It is finished! And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit."*

Gal. 4:5-6 *"5 To **purchase the freedom** of (to ransom, to redeem, to atone for) those who were subject to the Law, that we **might be adopted** and have sonship conferred upon us [and be recognized as God's sons]. 6 And because you [really] are [His] sons, God has sent the [Holy] Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba (Father)! Father!"*

Heb. 2:10 *"10 For it was an act worthy [of God] and fitting [to the divine nature] that He, for Whose sake and by Whom all things have their existence, in bringing many sons into glory, should make the Pioneer of their salvation perfect [should bring to maturity the human experience necessary to be perfectly equipped for His office as High Priest] through suffering."*

3) Adoption is **experienced personally** when we **accept Yeshua** as Messiah.



John 3:3-5 *"3 **Jesus answered him**, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that **unless a person is born again** (anew, from above), he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the kingdom of God.*
4 Nicodemus said to Him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter his mother's womb again and be born?
5 Jesus answered, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, unless a man is born of water and [even] the Spirit, he cannot [ever] enter the kingdom of God."

Eph. 2:5-7 *"5 Even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; [He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for] it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation).*
6 And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
7 He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in [His] kindness and goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus."

THE PRICE OF ADOPTION HAS BEEN PAID!!

Rom. 8:1-13 *"1 THEREFORE, [there is] **now no condemnation** (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those **who are in Christ Jesus**, who live [and] walk not after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the Spirit.*
2 For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has freed me from the law of sin and of death.
3 For God has done what the Law could not do, [its power] being weakened by the flesh [the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit]. Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, [God] condemned sin in the flesh [subdued, overcame, deprived it of its power over all who accept that sacrifice],

4 So that the righteous and just requirement of the Law might be fully met in us who live and move not in the ways of the flesh but in ***the ways of the Spirit*** *[our lives governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy Spirit].*

THOSE WHO ARE ILLEGITIMATE SONS

5 For those who are according to the flesh and are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on and pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit and are controlled by the desires of the Spirit set their minds on and seek those things which gratify the [Holy] Spirit.
6 Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever].
7 [That is] because the mind of the flesh [with its carnal thoughts and purposes] is hostile to God, for it does not submit itself to God's Law; indeed it cannot.
8 So then those who are living the life of the flesh [catering to the appetites and impulses of their carnal nature] cannot please or satisfy God, or be acceptable to Him.

TRUE SONS

9 But you are not living the life of the flesh, you are living the life of the Spirit, if the [Holy] Spirit of God [really] dwells within you [directs and controls you]. But if anyone does not possess the [Holy] Spirit of Christ, he is none of His [he does not belong to Christ, is not truly a child of God].
10 But if Christ lives in you, [then although] your [natural] body is dead by reason of sin and guilt, the spirit is alive because of [the] righteousness [that He imputes to you].
11 And if the Spirit of Him Who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, [then] He Who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also restore to life your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies through His Spirit Who dwells in you.

WE MUST MAKE THE CHOICE TO ACCEPT OUR NEW FATHER AND NEW STATUS OF A SON OF GOD.

12 So then, brethren, we are debtors, but not to the flesh [we are not obligated to our carnal nature], to live [a life ruled by the standards set up by the dictates] of the flesh.
13 For if you live according to [the dictates of] the flesh, you will surely die. But if through the power of the [Holy] Spirit you are [habitually] putting to death (making extinct, deadening) the [evil] deeds prompted by the body, you shall [really and genuinely] live forever."

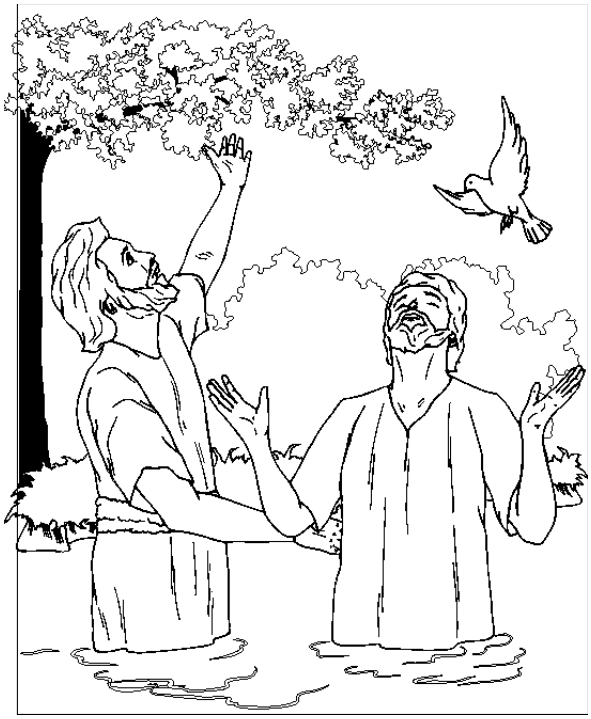
Yeshua Role Models the Process of Adoption:

1) **Yeshua manifests in the physical / natural on earth as the union of the Holy Spirit and a woman.**

In terms of the status – this would mean that Yeshua is illegitimate.

Matt. 1:18-19 *"18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place under these circumstances: When His mother Mary had been promised in marriage to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be pregnant [through the power] of the Holy Spirit.*
19 And her [promised] husband Joseph, being a just and upright man and not willing to expose her publicly and to shame and disgrace her, decided to repudiate and dismiss (divorce) her quietly and secretly."

2) Yeshua accepts His position as Son of God on earth and God in turn can manifest His acceptance of an **"adopted" Son of Man**.



"This is My Son."

As I discussed earlier, the world view on adoption has placed such a stigma / negativeness that those who have been abandoned take on the mentality of a **slave**.

ILLEGITIMATE:
A man who has been born out of an illicit relationship and because of his "blemish" has been removed from the possible candidate to rule / govern a city – he is a **non-participant** (even if he is a believer).



SLAVE:
A man who has lost his rights of ownership / citizenship and due to his final dilemma has to accept the "bondage" to another master.
A Hebrew believer can be released by another believer in a process of redemption.
(Lev. 25:48-55[8])

Effectively, both of these are **NOT SONS:**
BUT can be adopted into the full right of citizenship by faith in Jeshua.

[8] **Leviticus 25:48-55** *"48 After he is sold he may be redeemed. One of his brethren may redeem him:*
49 Either his uncle or his uncle's son may redeem him, or a near kinsman may redeem him; or if he has enough and is able, he may redeem himself.
50 And [the redeemer] shall reckon with the purchaser of the servant from the year when he sold himself to the purchaser to the Year of Jubilee, and the price of his release shall be adjusted according to the number of years. The time he was with his owner shall be counted as that of a hired servant.
51 If there remain many years [before the Year of Jubilee], in proportion to them he must refund [to the purchaser] for his release [the overpayment] for his acquisition.
52 And if little time remains until the Year of Jubilee, he shall count it over with him and he shall refund the proportionate amount for his release.
53 And as a servant hired year by year shall he deal with him; he shall not rule over him with harshness (severity, oppression) in your sight [make sure of that].
54 And if he is not redeemed during these years and by these means, then he shall go free in the Year of Jubilee, he and his children with him.
55 For to Me the Israelites are servants, My servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God."

The Spirit of Adoption Is a Spirit of Intimacy with the Father

Jesus Christ gave us something else as well. He gave us the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Holy Spirit has so many powerful dimensions. For our purpose in this chapter, we will focus on the **Spirit of Adoption**, for this is God's primary assist to every one who labors under the curse of illegitimacy. It is this Spirit that enables every believer to cry, "Abba Father," the cry of intimacy.

Galatians 4:3-7
"3 So we [Jewish Christians] also, when we were minors, were kept like slaves under [the rules of the Hebrew ritual and subject to] the elementary teachings of a system of external observations and regulations.
4 But when the proper time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born subject to [the regulations of] the Law,
5 To purchase the freedom of (to ransom, to redeem, to atone for) those who were subject to the Law, that we might be adopted ***and have sonship conferred upon us*** *[and be recognized as God's sons].*
6 ***And because you [really] are [His] sons, God has sent the [Holy] Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba (Father)! Father!***
7 Therefore, you are no longer a slave (bond servant) but a son; and if a son, then [it follows that you are] an heir by the aid of God, through Christ."

Like a child cries, "Daddy!," so intimate is our relationship with our Heavenly Father and with our precious Savior, Jesus Christ, because the Spirit of Adoption enables us to draw near and become sons, children of God.



We will see that the Spirit of Adoption is tailored to help believers draw into the Father as they progress through each **resisting city** / stronghold in their Promised Land journey.

The curse of illegitimacy is merely one of those resisting cities - a stronghold of generational bondage for which our Father has given His children the **means to conquer**.

Romans 8:14-19 *"14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*
15 For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a ***spirit of slavery*** *to put you once more in bondage to fear,* ***but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father!***
16 The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God.

17 And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.
18 [But what of that?] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time (this present life) are not worth being compared with the ***glory that is about to be revealed to us and in us and for us and conferred on us****!*
19 For [even the whole] creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's sons to be ***made known [waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship****].*



The purpose of the Spirit of Adoption is to help God's children develop with the Father and with Jesus Christ, God's goal since the Creation.

The curse of illegitimacy **targets** this intimacy precisely, preventing believers from entering into that intimacy, the congregation of the Lord.

While the Spirit of Adoption enables believers to cry with joy to our Heavenly Father, and know the pleasure of His company, **the curse of illegitimacy opens the legal doorway to three opposing spirits**:



- the spirit of **bondage** (meaning slavery),
- the spirit of **fear** (which is the opposite of faith; it is faithlessness or lack of trust),
- and the spirit of **corruption** (meaning perishing, decay).[9]

Believers can observe and discern the obvious effects of these spirits (bondage, fear, and corruption) and their related spirits (such as rejection, anger, offense). But what is not obvious is their parentage – the **legal authority** permitted by the curse of illegitimacy.

Closing the Door



The enemy has legal authority because of the curse of illegitimacy, but God's people can be set free from its consequent spirits, which enable the continuing restoration of intimacy with the Father and Jesus Christ, allowing our child-like hearts to cry, "Abba Father!"

[9] Romans 8:15 and 21:
15 For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father!
21 That nature (creation) itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and corruption [and gain an entrance] into the glorious freedom of God's children.

- **Redeemed From The Curse**

Before we start this study, we need to clear up some wrong translations of the New Testament scriptures.

Everytime the translators used the words “under the law” or “the curse of the law”; we understood that it referred to all the prescribed commandments in the Old Testament which was defined as “works”.

The Old Testament was seen as “working for your salvation” and the New Testament was seen as “living by faith”.

Out of context:

Gal. 5:18 *“18 But if you are **guided (led) by the [Holy] Spirit**, you are **not subject to the Law.**”*

Gal. 5:4 *“4 If you seek to be justified and declared righteous and to be given a right standing with God through the Law, you are brought to nothing and so separated (severed) from Christ. **You have fallen away from grace** (from God’s gracious favor and unmerited blessing).”*

We need to understand that if the above was true, then it means that Paul was teaching against the Torah (the first five books of the Bible).

But **Acts 21** tells us that Paul lived his life according to the Torah and encouraged others to do the same.

We must understand that Galatians is not an anti-Torah viewpoint.

Gal. 3:21 *“21 **Is the Law then contrary and opposed to the promises of God? Of course not!** For if a Law had been given which could confer [spiritual] life, then righteousness and right standing with God would certainly have come by Law.”*

Power New Testament (PNT) *“Is the Torah then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be!”*

The context of the letter to the Galatians is that of **justification by faith**.

Paul was warning them not to make a “law” out of the Torah. **By turning God’s teaching and covenant into a list of legalistic laws,** the Galatians were abandoning the principle of justification by faith and **resorting** to justification by works.

They were using the Torah as a means of earning, meriting, or keeping the eternal salvation which they had received by grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus.

"Works of the law" is a phrase indicating a man-made system of works, of which performance-based acceptance is the core belief.

Gal. 2:16 should read:
"Knowing that man is not justified by the works of law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Jesus, and not ***by works of the law****; since by works of law shall no flesh be justified."*

Some of the Galatians thought that obeying the Torah (or any set of standards) would cause them to receive their spiritual heritage – justification before God. However, the moment a person believes that obedience can secure righteousness, he has moved from the realm of grace into that of works.

The blessings of God, he thinks, are attainable as a result of what he does.

Paul on the other hand, says that such a person has fallen from the principle of grace to the principle of "law". In effect, when one believes such an erroneous teaching, the atonement accomplished by Jesus has no value for him, since he is relying on what he does instead of what Jesus did for him.

The teachings of the Torah were never intended to be used for such a purpose. Eternal salvation is based on receiving the promises of God, which are given by grace to those who do not deserve them. The only acceptable response to this grace is to receive it by faith, rather than attempting to earn it by **doing** something.

If we obey the Torah in order to enjoy the blessings of the grace of God received by faith, we are not "fallen from grace", rather we are embracing the grace of God for our lives.

To live the Torah is to live our new creation life in Jesus; it is actually His life in us, a life of grace and truth reflecting a lifestyle of a royal priesthood, set-apart nation.



The Torah is God's revelation to those born of Him, concerning how they are to act in line with the truth of the Good News **(Gal. 2:14).**

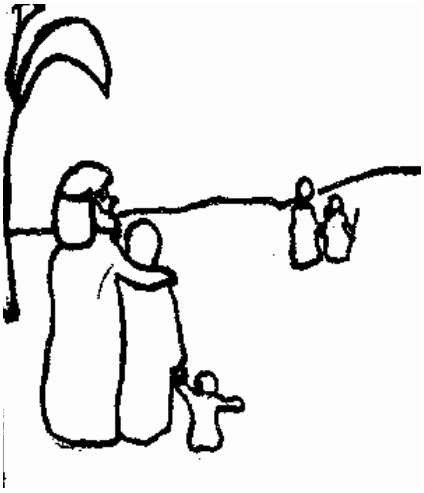
Conclusion: The Torah / first five books of the Bible are still applicable today and will always be.

We must understand very clearly **what** stopped at the Cross and **what** continued on after the Cross.

For example: In the Book of Hebrews we learn about the sacrificial / priestly system. The death of Jesus was the final, once-for-all atonement for sin, though His Blood, which offered on the altar in the Heavenly tabernacle.

So, the correct translation of the words: “curse of the law” or “under the law”, would be **legalism** or **works of the flesh** or **man-made additions to the Word**.[10]

The Allegory of Hagar and Sarah (taken from the Power New Testament):



Gal. 4:21 – 5:1 *“Tell me, you who wish to be under tradition, “Do you understand the Torah?” For it has been written that Abraham had two sons, one from the slave and one from the free wife. But indeed one has been born from the slave according to the flesh, but the other one from the free wife through the promise. This is being spoken allegorically; for these are two covenants, indeed one from Mount Sinai, born into slavery, who is Hagar. And Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia: an now it corresponds to Jerusalem, it puts the yoke of bondage with her children. But the Jerusalem above, who is our mother, is free: for it has been written,*

“You must rejoice now, the barren one who has not given birth, you must break forth and cry out at once, you who have not brought forth:
Because many are the children of the desolate rather than of the one having the husband.” ***(Is. 54:1)***

And you brothers, you are children of Isaac according to the promise. But just as then the one who was born according to the flesh persecuted the one who was born according to the spirit, so also now. But what does the Scripture say? “You must now cast out the slave and her son: ***for the son of the maid will not inherit with the son of the free wife. (Gen.21:10)***
Messiah set us free for the freedom from legalism: so you must stand firm and not be subjected again to a yoke of bondage.

At this point, we will read the Scripture that is so commonly referenced on the subject of "can a Christian be cursed?."

First we will look at it **“out of context”,** as many Christians do. Then we will look at it in its context, exactly as it is written.

[10] An excellent study on understanding the correct translations of the New Testament:
- Torah Rediscovered: Challenging Centuries of Misinterpretation and Neglect by Ariel and D’vorah Berkowitz
- The Power New Testament by William J. Morford

Available from Kanaan Ministries

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[Curse of the law = Curse of the Torah = **Deut. 28:15-68** = Curse of Legalism.]

The **"out of context"** view of this verse makes a presumption that no born again Christian can ever be cursed because Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross automatically eliminated curses from Christian experience. Oh really?

Now, let's look at this verse, setting it in its context. First of all in **Galatians 3:1**, Paul asks a question. He asks*, "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that you should not obey the truth?"* Paul is writing to believers. **Galatians 1:1-3** shows this clearly.

Galatians 3:1-2 *"1 O YOU poor and silly and thoughtless and unreflecting and senseless Galatians! Who has **fascinated** or **bewitched** or **cast a spell over you**, unto whom—right before your very eyes—Jesus Christ (the Messiah) was openly and graphically set forth and portrayed as crucified?*
*2 Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the [Holy] Spirit as the result of **obeying the Law** and doing its works, or was it by hearing [the message of the Gospel] and believing [it]? [Was it from observing a law of rituals or from a message of faith?]*

(Verse 2: PNT) Did you take the Spirit from works of legalism or from hearing in faith?"

Even today, we receive the Spirit by faith.

Galatians 3:3 *"3 Are you so foolish and so senseless and so silly? Having begun [your new life spiritually] with the [Holy] Spirit, are you now reaching perfection [by dependence] on the flesh?"*

Legalism equals works. Faith equals Spirit and miracles.

Galatians 3:4-5 *"4 Have you suffered so many things and experienced so much all for nothing (to no purpose)—if it really is to no purpose and in vain? 5 Then does He Who supplies you with His marvelous [Holy] Spirit and **works powerfully and miraculously** among you do so on [the grounds of your doing] what legalism demands, or because of your **believing in and adhering to** and **trusting** in and **relying** on the message that you heard?"*



Many people who say that a Christian cannot be cursed because they have **faith**, never prove their faith with miracles. In Acts 2:22, the Scripture declares that God approved Jesus Christ's ministry with **signs**, **miracles**, and **wonders**.[11]

God hasn't changed. He still approves genuine ministries with signs, miracles, and wonders.

Galatians 3:6 *"6 Thus Abraham believed in and adhered to and trusted in and relied on God, and it was reckoned and placed to his account and credited as righteousness (as conformity to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action)."*

Flesh gives self-righteousness; Faith gives God-righteousness.

Galatians 3:7 *"7 Know and understand that it is [really] **the people [who live] by faith who are [the true] sons of Abraham."***

The distinguishing characteristic of children of Abraham is that they have the kind of faith that results in **signs**, **miracles**, and **wonders**.

Galatians 3:8 *"8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify (declare righteous, put in right standing with Himself) the Gentiles in consequence of faith, proclaimed the Gospel [foretelling the glad tidings of a Savior long beforehand] to Abraham in the promise, saying, In you shall all the nations [of the earth] be blessed."*

Faith equals God's justifying, which means to make righteous.

Galatians 3:9 *"9 So then, those who are **people of faith are blessed** and **made happy** and **favored by God** [as partners in fellowship] with the believing and trusting Abraham."*

Those who are of faith, not merely associated by birth as the Pharisees believed, are the ones who have the blessings of Abraham. **Verse 16** declares that the promises of God were made to the seed of Abraham, which

[11] Acts 2:22:
22 You men of Israel, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man accredited and pointed out and shown forth and commended and attested to you by God by the mighty works and [the power of performing] wonders and signs which God worked through Him [right] in your midst, as you yourselves know—

is Christ, and to all those who have faith in Christ, like Abraham had faith.[12] One of the many powerful promises of God to Abraham, which believers with faith today can also rightfully receive, is the blessing noted in **Genesis 12:3.**

Genesis 12:3 *"3* ***And I will bless those who bless you*** *[who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and* ***curse him who curses*** *or uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families and kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves]."*

Notice this verse mentions both **blessings** and **curses**. We are entitled, as heirs of faithful Abraham, to have both of these two parts by faith. Thus we have the blessing that those who bless us will be blessed. And we have the promise that those who curse us will be cursed whilst those curses will be turned to a blessing for us.

It is not up to us to curse others, or take vengeance. The New Testament clearly teaches that we are to bless those who curse us, and even pray for those who despitefully use us.[13]
If we are not sure if someone has blessed us or cursed us, or if we are unsure how to deal with a negative situation in which someone has cursed us, we can rely on God's promise in this verse.

Believing and speaking the promise of **Genesis 12:3** makes it much easier for us to forgive and allow God to deal with the situation.

Galatians 3:10 *"10 And all who depend on the* ***works of legalism*** *[who are seeking to be justified by obedience to the legalistic rituals] are under a curse and doomed to disappointment and destruction, for it is written in the Scriptures, Cursed (accursed, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment) be everyone who does not continue to abide (live and remain) by all the precepts and commands written in the Book of the Law and to practice them."*

To stay out from under the curse of legalism requires **faith**. Faith proves itself with results. Unbelief proves itself with problems, problems, problems.

And when we walk away from faith, and thereby become subject to legalism, we cannot do all that the Torah requires! No man has done this ever, except Jesus.

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[12] Galatians 3:16 "16 Now the promises (covenants, agreements) were decreed and made to Abraham and his Seed (his Offspring, his Heir). He [God] does not say, And to seeds (descendants, heirs), as if referring to many persons, but, And to your Seed (your Descendant, your Heir), obviously referring to one individual, Who is [none other than] Christ (the Messiah)."

[13] **Luke 6:28** *"28 Invoke blessings upon and pray for the happiness of those who curse you, implore God's blessing (favor) upon those who abuse you [who revile, reproach, disparage, and high-handedly misuse you]."*

Galatians 3:11 *"11 Now it is evident that no person is justified (declared righteous and brought into right standing with God) through legalism, for the Scripture says,* ***The man in right standing with God*** *[the just, the righteous]* ***shall live by and out of faith*** *and he who through and by faith is declared righteous and in right standing with God shall live."*

This verse speaks for itself. If you want to take something out of context, try this verse!

Galatians 3:12 *"12 But legalism does not rest on faith [does not require faith, has nothing to do with faith], for it itself says, He who does them [the things prescribed by legalism] shall live by them [not by faith]."*

This verse says "them," plural. We have only **two choices**: to live under legalism and unbelief, or live in faith and have God's promises come to pass, just as He said they will. And now, verse thirteen **in context**:

Galatians 3:13 *"13 Christ purchased our freedom [redeeming us] from the curse (doom) of the Law [and its condemnation] by [Himself] becoming a curse for us, for it is written [in the Scriptures], Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree (is crucified);"*

Yeshua becomes the curse, so that every curse sent against us will be turned into a blessing IF we love God and live in obedience to His will and commandments.

[The Law = Legalism = Torah **(Deut. 28:15-68)**]

Now let's continue!

Galatians 3:14 *"14 To the end that through [their receiving] Christ Jesus, the blessing [promised] to Abraham might come upon the Gentiles, so that we through faith might [all] receive [the realization of] the promise of the [Holy] Spirit."*



The promise of the Spirit is through faith, through Jesus Christ. **We receive blessings by faith.** We receive curses under legalism, when we live in unbelief.

Galatians 3:15 *"15 To speak in terms of human relations, brethren, [if] even a man makes a last will and testament (a merely human covenant), no one sets it aside or makes it void or adds to it when once it has been drawn up and signed (ratified, confirmed)."*

Is it possible when we take verse 13 out of its context, that we become guilty of disannulling or adding to it?

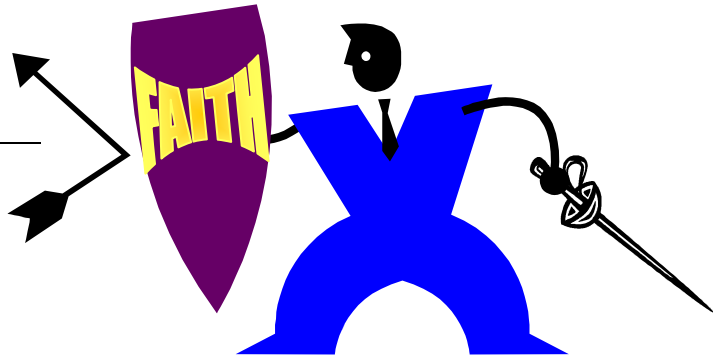
Hebrews 11:6 *"6* ***But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him.*** *For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out]."*

Under legalism (works of the flesh) we cannot please God because we cannot have God's blessings. But by faith, God's promises become reality as we walk forward with Him.

Mark 16:15-19 *"15 And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach and publish openly the good news (the Gospel) to every creature [of the whole human race].*
16 ***He who believes*** *[who adheres to and trusts in and relies on the Gospel and Him Whom it sets forth]* ***and is baptized will be saved*** *[from the penalty of eternal death]; but he who does not believe [who does not adhere to and trust in and rely on the Gospel and Him Whom it sets forth] will be condemned.*
17 ***And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe:*** *in My name they will* ***drive out demons****; they will* ***speak in new languages****;*
18 They will ***pick up serpents****; and [even] if* ***they drink anything deadly****,* ***it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will get well.***
19 So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and He sat down at the right hand of God."

Jesus declared in **Mark 16:15-18** that the person that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Believing is what we do with our faith. He that does not believe shall be damned. **Verses 17 and 18** say that signs shall follow those that believe.
If we are not seeing signs, miracles and wonders as part of our faith walk, then we are not of faith. If we are not of faith, Galatians says that we are under legalism. If we are operating under legalism, then Galatians also states that we are cursed. Hello? Why should we try to make excuses?

Let's get rid of our curses and grow in faith, so that Jesus' Great Commission can be fulfilled in our lives!



We are not trying to upset or discourage the level of faith people have.

We are simply endeavoring to **encourage** and **challenge** one another to grow in the faith that has already been planted within us when we confessed Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

SPIRITUAL ILLEGITIMACY IN THE BODY OF MESSIAH TODAY:

We have shown how the curse / spirit of illegitimacy **has an impact on man** in the **natural realm** – how his destiny and purpose, namely to take dominion is neutralized and destroyed.

Such men are also therefore impacted in the realization of **their spiritual purpose** to reflect the Image of God in the fruit of the Spirit.

However, there are many people/believers who have physical fathers…

EARTHLY MAN:
i.e. **not** illegitimate **in the natural**.



HEAVENLY MAN:
BUT due to the generational bloodline, the bad / negative circumstances that they experienced from their earthly role model father, they are so wounded that they **live as spiritual illegitimate children.**

Hebrews 12:8 *"8 Now if you are exempt from correction and left without discipline in which all [of God's children] share, then **you are illegitimate offspring and not true sons [at all].**"*

The characteristics of those who have the curse of spiritual illegitimacy:

- they **refuse chastisement**.
- They are **unteachable**,
- **uncorrectable**,
- **uncoachable**.
- They **rebel** when confronted with correction by anyone exercising legitimate, Godly spiritual authority such as a pastor, a husband, or a parent.
- A person affected by the curse of illegitimacy is **unwilling to be governed by the Spirit of God.**
- This shows up in their inability to have close fellowship with both the Lord and with fellow believers.



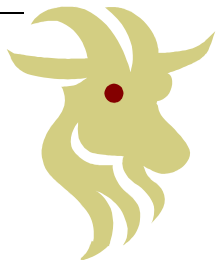
- Instead, they are **often attracted to laws and legalism**. ("Legalism in the Church and how to get free" available from Kanaan Ministries)
- They become **hardened** and **easily estranged** from fellow Christians,
- **quickly offended**,
- and **unwilling to change** focus from themselves and are consumed with themselves.

- ## Sheep and Goats



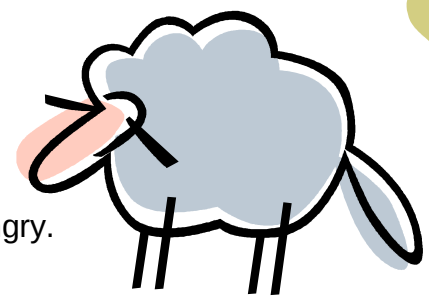
Jesus used the analogy of a **goat** to indicate a **person who was rebellious**. Let's look at how He taught the difference between sheep who hear the voice of their Master and are obedient, as opposed **to goats who are always rebellious**, and **disobedient**. This has enormous implications for the church today. Remember, the **curse of illegitimacy is at the root of rebellion**, like goats display.

Matt. 25:31-39 *"31 When the Son of Man comes in His glory (His majesty and splendor), and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.*
32 All nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them [the people] from one another as a shepherd ***separates his sheep from the goats****;*
33 And He will cause the ***sheep to stand at His right hand****, but* ***the goats at His left.***
34 Then the King will say to those at His right hand, Come, you blessed of My Father [you favored of God and appointed to eternal salvation], inherit (receive as your own) the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
35 For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you brought Me together with yourselves and welcomed and entertained and lodged Me,
36 I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me with help and ministering care, I was in prison and you came to see Me.
37 Then the just and upright will answer Him, Lord, when did we see You hungry and gave You food, or thirsty and gave You something to drink?
38 And when did we see You a stranger and welcomed and entertained You, or naked and clothed You?
39 And when did we see You sick or in prison and came to visit You?"



The difference between the sheep and the goats is very clear. **The goat is into "the self":**

- self-interest,
- self-gratification,
- self-focus.



The sheep, on the other hand,

- are full of **compassion**.
- They **see** the thirsty, the naked, the hungry.

- They are **not self-focused**. Instead they **look to help others**.
- When they help, they even forget that they have helped, and they **expect nothing** in return.

While the goat is quick to say, "Look what I did!," a sheep is content to seek neither reputation nor recognition.

Goats in the church **call attention to anything good that they do, and quickly forget the evils they do.** They also quickly forget the good things that others do for them. This makes it very easy for them to say, when a sheep has a need, "Oh, we'll always have hungry people around us," or, "If those nations only used birth control, we wouldn't have to deal with so many children." Or, "If you think they need help, then you go help them, I don't want to hear about it."

You see, **goats are by nature rebellious**. In a pasture, for example, **goats always try to test the fence to see if they can get out.** And when they do, they always lead sheep behind them. This is because sheep are naturally trusting, and willingly follow those who seem to know what they are talking about.

Sheep are not very discerning. So they will follow goats, even to their own peril. This is why it is so important to have **good shepherds** over the flock. Moses knew this when he asked God for a good shepherd to replace him:

Numbers 27:15-17 *"15 And Moses said to the Lord,*
16 Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation
17 Who shall go out and come in before them, ***leading them out and bringing them in,*** *that the congregation of the Lord may not be* ***as sheep which have no shepherd."***



In the Old Testament, goats and sheep were also **sacrificial animals**. For example, in Leviticus, we see that **goats** were used for the **sin offering**. In the following example, they were called **scapegoats**.

Leviticus 16:5-10, 15 *"5 He shall take [at the expense] of the congregation of the Israelites* ***two male goats*** *for a* ***sin offering*** *and* ***one ram*** *for a* ***burnt offering.***
6 And Aaron shall present the bull as the sin offering for himself and make atonement for himself and for his house [the other priests].
7 He shall take the ***two goats*** *and present them before the Lord at the door of the Tent of Meeting.*
8 Aaron shall cast lots on the two ***goats****—one lot for the Lord, the other lot for Azazel or removal.*
9 And Aaron shall bring the ***goat*** *on which the Lord's lot fell and offer him as a sin offering.*

10 But the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel or removal shall be presented alive before the Lord to make atonement over him, that he may be let go into the wilderness for Azazel (for dismissal).
*15 Then shall he **kill the goat of the sin offering** that is for [the sins of] the people and bring its blood within the veil [into the Holy of Holies] and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat."*

Thus we can see how vital the goat was to the children of Israel. **The goat sacrifice was for the spiritual protection and blessing of Israel.** It is interesting that today, the **goat** is used as a figure **to describe the rebellious, unloving person** who pastures in the same fields as the Godly sheep. Those trusting sheep even follow the behavior of the ungodly, rebellious goats.

In **verse 32 of Matthew 25,**[14] Jesus mentions how the shepherd must separate the sheep from the goats. **The sheep are going to inherit the Kingdom**. Why? **Because sheep do sheep things.** When someone is hungry, they feed them, when thirsty they give them water to drink, they clothe the stranger, they visit those in prison. As they do those things with compassion. It is tantamount to having helped Jesus Himself in His need.



Jesus often referred to sheep in describing His ministry. In Matthew 15 He tells to whom His ministry was directed.

Matthew 15:24
*But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the **lost sheep** of the house of Israel.*

Jesus was sent to the **lost sheep of Israel**. Israel had been scattered by the curse of illegitimacy. The records of Israel's rebellion from God, as a result of their unwillingness to receive chastisement from the Lord, are numerous throughout the Scriptures. **The result of such rebellion is the scattering of the sheep.** There were lost sheep all over the place, and the Pharisees and established religious leaders left them to remain lost. Here's how this scattering happens.

[14] Matthew 25:32 "32 All nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them [the people] from one another as a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats;

Under the influence of the curse of illegitimacy, people are unwilling to receive Godly correction.[15] Under the Old Testament law, the rebellious would not be allowed to come into the congregation of the Lord.



In comparison to today, those who labor under the curse of illegitimacy, exhibiting unwillingness to receive Godly correction, **often become offended**, and **leave the congregation**. Why are they unable to come into the congregation today? They can't get along!

But often, the opposite happens. A goat who is a leader in some capacity over the flock drives out the sheep. **In a flock, goats are the animals with the most personality.** They are the cutest, smartest, most talented, the most enthusiastic, and most aggressive compared to the sheep. They even show tendencies of leadership ability. **Yet they remain unwilling to receive correction.** But they remain in the flock and **continue to lead the sheep away from the protection that they need.**

For example, goats can drink from rushing water. Sheep cannot drink in such water because the abundance of wool around their necks becomes so quickly weighed down with water that they give up fighting and get carried away to drown. They have little stamina to resist even the smallest obstacles.

Goats are even used in meat slaughter houses today to lead the sheep directly into the chutes that begin the slaughtering process. The goats are nimble, able to jump away from death at the last moment. They are called "Judas" goats because they continually lead the sheep to their own deaths. These are some of the reasons why Jesus used the illustration of goats to describe people masquerading as sheep right in the middle of the congregation.



God made sheep to be followers. They need leadership. But what is so great about sheep, is that they **are meek, coachable, and able to learn to hear the sound of their shepherd's voice.** They will follow no other when they have a good shepherd.

[15] Hebrews 12:7-8 *"7 You must submit to and endure [correction] for discipline; God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there whom his father does not [thus] train and correct and discipline?*
8 Now if you are exempt from correction and left without discipline in which all [of God's children] share, then you are illegitimate offspring and not true sons [at all]."

The primary distinguishing characteristic of sheep is that they **hear the voice of their shepherd and obey it.** That shepherd is Jesus Christ. The primary distinguishing characteristic of a **goat**, is that they **do not hear nor pay any attention** to the voice of the Shepherd, and are therefore disobedient to it.

So far, we have referred to goats and sheep within a flock. But there is another common situation which can occur. Jesus said He was sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. In **Matthew 18**, we see the parable of the man who goes out to find the one lost sheep.

What if the goat, the person exhibiting the rebellious behavior that is so typical of those who are under the curse of illegitimacy, is actually one of the leaders - a shepherd, or some other leader in the congregation, such as a **worship team** leader? After all, they have such **talent** and **ability**, **personality** and **energy**.

In fact, they have everything except the ability to hear and obey their shepherd. But they are leaders among the flock nevertheless because of all their wonderful talents.

What happens to a flock under the care of such spiritually devious leadership as a goat? **The sheep become scattered.** This is the **fruit of goats**. This was precisely the situation in Jesus' day. The sheep were scattered.



- ## Praise and Worship Today

What about today? Let's use an example. Much of Christianity today is rightfully growing in praise and worship, the kind God is pleased with. But, there is also a great deal of **entertainment worship and praise** that God is not at all pleased with. In some circles, entertaining praise and worship has become part of a formula for a "successful" church.



Thousands of Rands are even spent on very expensive equipment that is surprisingly more related to secular entertainment stars than Biblically-based praise and worship; the kind that genuinely prepares the people to receive what God has for them. Remember, Yeshua said that even the stones would cry out to worship Him. **So entertaining praise and worship often fails to move the Heart of God at all.**

How does this relate to goats vs. sheep ministry? **Goats are entertainers.** They draw attention away from hearing and obeying their Shepherd, and place it on themselves.



Is it surprising that the church today has a huge problem in this area? Shepherds and, for example, worship leaders, who lead God's people away from a relationship with the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ, are most often goats. A common method for doing this is **entertainment, excitement, false manifestations of the Holy Spirit on the one side, or rejection of the legitimate manifestations of the Holy Spirit on the other side**.



PRACTICAL STEPS TO RETURN TO SONSHIP

1. Forgive parental authority for misrepresentation of the Father's love. This is non-negotiable!!

Ps 45: 10-11 *"10 Hear, O daughter, consider, submit, and consent to my instruction:* ***forget also your own people and your father's house****;*
11 So will the King desire your beauty; because He is your Lord, be submissive and reverence and honor Him."

Let go of your identity that has been formed in your father and mother's house that was not in line with the Father's heart.

Let go of the **expectation** that your father and mother will make **restitution** with you. We all would want our parents to come and say they are sorry and then go into the detail of where they failed us. Somehow that would justify our reactions against them like rebellion, etc. If only they will take all the **blame** – the ownership…BUT we must let go!

We can't reach up for the Father's love and still keep my other hand around my parent's throat until they make it right with me! Give them what they do not deserve – your forgiveness! Many of our parents were spiritual slaves as well.

Realize that when you rejected your earthly parents you rejected your sonship and you remained in the position of being a spiritual slave.

Now you must be introduced to a loving Father. We are not talking of re-bonding to an earthly father and mother. We are talking about **letting go of the pain** we suffered in our father and mother's house, so we can reach up to our Heavenly Father and receive Him as our Father meeting the deepest needs of our lives.

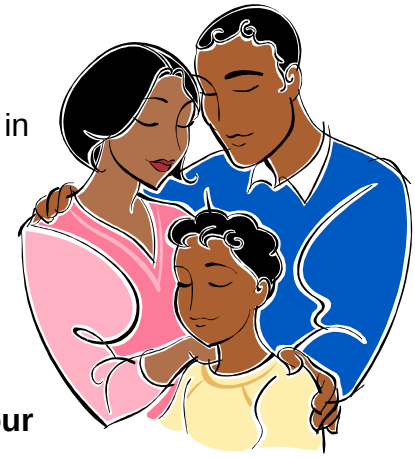
2. Seek forgiveness from your parents or parental authority.

For spiritual slaves to only forgive people may not be enough. Often we need to practice the **ministry of restitution.**
If our attitudes, behaviour, actions, have hurt another person we may need to go to them and ask them to forgive us.

Spiritual slaves only know of their own pain. They do not see the pain they cause others.

Spiritual slaves have a need for everybody around them to say the right things otherwise they put their **inner walls** up and keep people out there – you cut them out of your life.

As a spiritual slave you can still be honouring your parents, you can stop judging them, you can say the right things, etc. BUT you still have uncrucified areas in your heart. You say good things to and about them, BUT you keep them out of your heart.



The reason why you keep your heart closed for your parents is because there is **NO basic trust** – your walls are up.

When did you reject being the son/daughter of your father and / or mother?

Cold / guarded love will stop your growth in the Lord.

Pride: When you are more convinced about what people think than what God thinks.

Spiritual slaves do not have enough basic trust in the Father's love to meet their needs, so when they are being attacked, they:

- attack,
- justify,
- blame-shift,
- get the focus off me,
- separate,
- close their hearts to the attacker

Where there is NO BASIC TRUST, there is no revelation of the Father's Love.

Even if you have forgiven, there can still be a need for the ministry of restitution in your life, i.e. when you realize the pain **you** have caused others. Spiritual slaves do not see that, but sons do.

Spiritual slaves justify keeping their loved ones out of their hearts because of their **negative attitude and criticism**.

Spiritual slaves are not subject to anyone else's mission, but only their own mission.

Spiritual slaves justify staying away from their parents because they are so critical!

What you sow in your parents is what you will reap in your children.

When you go to ask forgiveness, it's not about **their** sin, it's **about your responsibility for the pain you caused your parents.**

Maybe you can write them a **letter** if you cannot talk to them personally. Let someone of spiritual maturity read it to make sure that there is no trace of justification or vindication. You take ownership for what **you** have done – no matter what they have done!

You cannot cast out the dark – just turn on the light!

You can't cast out a slave spirit – it is an empty heart – empty of what you were created for, namely: for love.



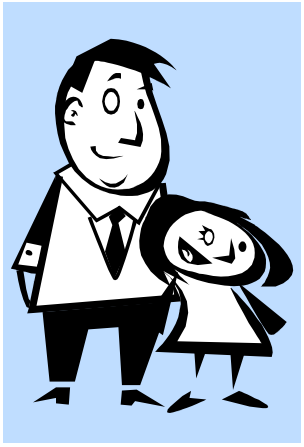
Rom. 8:15 *"15 For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but **you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship]** in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father!"*

You have been placed in the Father's Presence. Fill the empty heart with the Father's Love.

You introduce the slave heart to a loving Father but then the slave heart must make a choice – TO RECEIVE THE FATHER'S LOVE.

3. Acknowledge your need to be a son or daughter to someone so that we can have a spirit of submission to a spiritual Heavenly Father.

How can you have a heart of submission to God who you can't see if you do not have a heart of submission to man who you can see?



Remember what Jesus taught us: The Son learns **obedience** from the things He **suffered**.

Jesus focused on the Father and watched the Father. He focused on being a **Son**.

Focusing on being a father / leader can lead you to become authorative and controlling.

When I start **trying** to be a good father or leader I lose **rest**.

That can lead to **aggressive striving.**

Remember, Jesus said: *"My yoke is easy, My burden is light."*

So therefore, I do not need to **perform**.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son:



When he ended up in the pigsty, he came to his senses and then wanted to become a son again in his father's house.

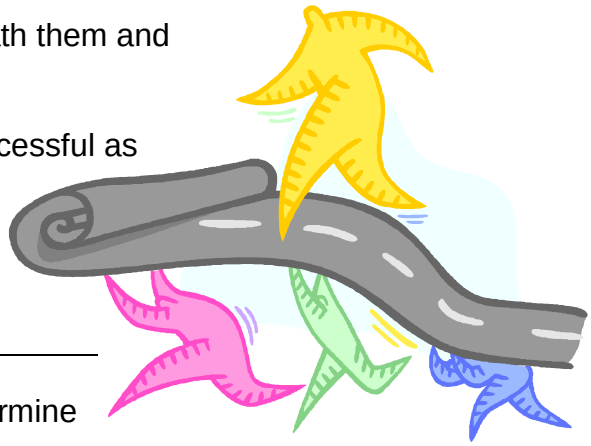
We need to acknowledge our need to **be a son** in a father's house.

Heb. 13:17 *"17* ***Obey your spiritual leaders*** *and* ***submit*** *to them [continually recognizing their authority over you], for* ***they are constantly keeping watch over your souls and guarding your spiritual welfare****, as* ***men who will have to render an account*** *[of their trust]. [Do your part to] let them do this* ***with gladness*** *and not with sighing and groaning, for that would* ***not be profitable to you [either]."***

The question we need to ask ourselves: Whose son / daughter am I?

Who are you submitted to, coming underneath them and pushing up?

Whose mission are you looking to make successful as those who will give an account?



You measure loyalty on what you say about another person when they are not around.

How you relate to your leaders now will determine what you will reap in the future.

3. Displacing the Illegitimate/Slave Heart

You must forgive **spiritual and governmental authorities** that misrepresented the Father's love to you. Remember: People will disappoint you!

Rom 13:1 *"1* ***LET EVERY person be loyally subject to the governing (civil) authorities. For there is no authority except from God*** *[by His permission, His sanction], and those that exist do so by God's appointment."*

Paul was talking to Christians in Rome.

The leaders were murderers, immoral, unjust. Paul is telling the Christians to submit to these leaders!

(They did not acknowledge Caesar as lord and that is why many were killed).
Remember: We do not submit to anything that is against God's Word.

Rom 13:2 *"2 Therefore h**e who resists and sets himself up against the authorities resists what God has appointed and arranged** [in divine order]. And those who resist will bring down judgment upon themselves [receiving the penalty due them]."*

Not honoring authority is not honoring God.
Those that oppose the authority placed over them bring judgment on themselves.
When we oppose authority, are come into agreement with satan.

Warning! We sometimes use the character flaws that we see in our leaders lives as a justification for rejecting them.

Rom 13:3 *"3 For **civil authorities** are not a terror to [people of] good conduct, but to [those of] bad behavior. Would you have no dread of him who is in authority? Then **do what is right and you will receive his approval and commendation**."*

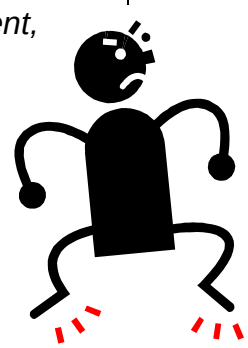
Noah and His Sons
One day when Noah got drunk, two of his sons covered his nakedness but Ham did not – he exposed it! Leaders do make mistakes and are not perfect – you must not judge or reject them!

For example: An unreasonable boss helps you see what you're full of!!

Remember: No inheritance without suffering!

We want instant maturity but it does not work that way!

Rom 13:4-5 *"4 For he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, [you should dread him and] be afraid, for he does not bear and wear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant to execute His wrath (punishment, vengeance) on the wrongdoer.*
*5 Therefore **one must be subject, not only to avoid God's wrath and escape punishment, but also as a matter of principle and for the sake of conscience**."*



Principle: When you reject spiritual and earthly authorities – you reject a spirit of sonship.

4. Seek forgiveness from authorities for rebelling against them.

You may need to practice the principle of restitution.

Often forgiving a person is not enough because we **retaliated** after we were hurt. We may have hurt them, exposed them, uncovered them, spoke against their **faults** and weaknesses, criticized them, etc.

If we look at the life of David we see that he had to leave Saul otherwise he would have lost his life. He then ended up for a season in the caves of Adullam with 400 men who were in distress, in debt and **discontented**.

He asked a very important question: *"Are you here for me or for the people?"* Are you doing what you are doing for your own needs? To be seen? Building your own ministry? Or are you doing what you are doing for the Kingdom?

If you are trying to get your own needs met and building your own kingdom, you are defiling the church and producing after your own kind – making spiritual slaves.

Your focus should be to come underneath the pastor and to do all you can to bless him and build up his ministry. You are not there to be seen by the people. You are not to draw the peoples hearts after you away from the pastor to try and show how "out of line" the pastor is.

You will release an **unconscious hidden defilement** into that ministry.

If I meet someone and I think that they have something that will meet my need, I will **start to control and manipulate** the relationship to get my need met.

5. Renounce the Ungodly Beliefs – DAILY![16]

6. Sow into your Inheritance

Rom 15:27 *"27 They were pleased to do it; and surely **they are in debt to them**, for if these Gentiles have come to share in their [the Jerusalem Jews'] spiritual blessings, **then they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings**."*



We have a debt to the people that put up with us in our "**teenage**" years as we are growing up in the Lord.

[16] Please see Practical Application of Renewing your Mind, Whose Report do you Believe and Walking Continuously in Victory is Possible! available from Kanaan Ministries.

Teenagers cause much pain as they **rebel** against parents and try to do things their own way.

They **dominate** relationships to see what they can get out of the parents. They want their inheritance **NOW**!

The "teenagers" argue that **they** want the blessings and finances – they say the "parents" have enough! They find it very difficult to bless spiritual parents financially.

The Word says you have a debt – they put up with you to lead you to maturity.

1 Cor 9:11 *"11 If we have **sown [the seed of] spiritual good among** you, [is it too] much if **we reap from your material benefits**?"*

Gal 6:6-8 *"6 Let him who receives instruction in the Word [of God] **share all good things with his teacher** [contributing to his support].*
*7 Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside.) [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.] **For whatever a man sows, that and that only is what he will reap.***
8 For he who sows to his own flesh (lower nature, sensuality) will from the flesh reap decay and ruin and destruction, but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life."

Whatever you sow into your spiritual parents materially, you will reap. By making an offering to your spiritual parents is not about meeting their needs, but about whether I will reap a heart of Godly love. This is a commandment – I need to be able to stand before God and declare:

Deut 26:12-15 *"12 When you have finished paying all the tithe of your produce the third year, which is the year of tithing, and have given it to the Levite, the stranger and the sojourner, the fatherless, and to the widow, that they may eat within your towns and be filled,*
13 Then you shall say before the Lord your God, I have brought the hallowed things (the tithe) out of my house and moreover have given them to the Levite, to the stranger and the sojourner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all Your commandments which You have commanded me; I have not transgressed any of Your commandments, neither have I forgotten them.

14 I have not eaten of the tithe in my mourning [making the tithe unclean], nor have I handled any of it when I was unclean, nor given any of it to the dead. I have hearkened to the voice of the Lord my God; I have done according to all that You have commanded me.
15 Look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Your people Israel and the land which You have given us as You swore to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey."

[Warning: You can fall into the trap of reasoning: They are so prosperous so they do not really need your offering. Do not miss God's blessing for your life!!]

2 Cor 9:10 *"10 And [God] Who provides **seed for the sower and bread for eating** will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness [which manifests itself in active goodness, kindness, and charity]."*

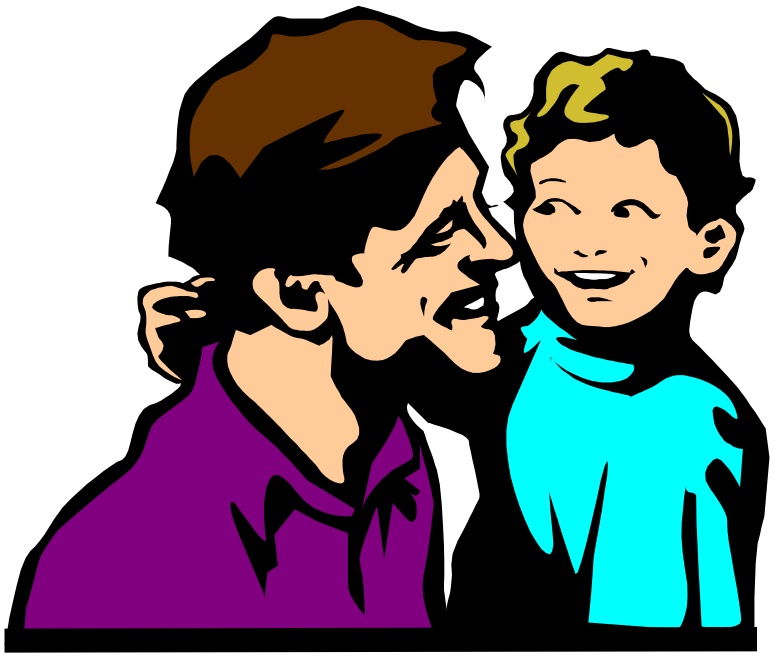
John 13:34-35 *"34 I give you a **new commandment: that you should love one another.** Just as I have loved you, so you too should love one another.*
*35 **By this shall all [men] know that you are My disciples, if you love one another** [if you keep on showing love among yourselves]."*

Conclusion:

We have learnt that the Kingdom of God is LOVE.

FIRST THE GREAT COMMANDMENT, THEN THE GREAT COMMISSION.

Father, teach us how to be sons and only do what we see Our Father doing, in Jesus Name!



SIX THINGS TO HELP MOTIVATE YOU TO REPENTANCE.

1 Pet 5:5 *"5 Likewise, you who are younger and of lesser rank,* ***be subject to the elders*** *(the ministers and spiritual guides of the church****)—[giving them due respect and yielding to their counsel].*** *Clothe (apron) yourselves, all of you, with* ***humility*** *[as the garb of a servant, so that its covering cannot possibly be stripped from you, with freedom from pride and arrogance] toward one another. For God sets Himself against the proud (the insolent, the overbearing, the disdainful, the presumptuous, the boastful)—[and He opposes, frustrates, and defeats them], but* ***gives grace*** *(favor, blessing)* ***to the humble****."*

Repentance is not an act performed but repentance is an **attitude performed**.
It's the principle of weakness.
"Blessed is the meek for they shall rule the earth".

1. Clothe yourself with **humility**.

You cannot get humility on your own – you receive it by **impartation** when you submit to the Spirit of Jesus Christ, when you humble yourself towards a father and/or mother figure in your life, then you will be clothed with the Spirit of Christ. You humble yourself before man. God will lift you up.

"God resists the proud, but He gives **grace** to the humble".
Grace = God's ability.

If you agree with the father of lies you fall from grace.
As soon as you move into slave-thinking, you fall from grace. This does not mean you are not going to Heaven – slaves are independent, self reliant. You fall from God's ability.

Humility gives you God's ability

1 Peter 5:6 *"6 Therefore* ***humble yourselves*** *[demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation] under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you,"*

2. Die to self.

When you get into this place of humility, you are exalted into the Father's presence - not exalted into ministry!
First the Great Commandment then the great Commission!

A ministry is just an overflow of God's love into the community where I live.

1 Peter 5:7 *"7* ***Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him****, for* ***He cares for you affectionately*** *and cares about you watchfully."*

If you lack a spirit of sonship on this earth you will lack **peace**, you won't be able to cast all you burdens upon the Lord.

1 Peter 5:8-10 *"8 Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant and cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon and devour.*
9 Withstand him; be firm in faith [against his onset—rooted, established, strong, immovable, and determined], knowing that the same (identical) sufferings are appointed to your brotherhood (the whole body of Christians) throughout the world.
*10 And **after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace** [Who imparts all blessing and favor], Who has called you to His [own] eternal glory in Christ Jesus, **will Himself complete and make you what you ought to be, establish** and ground you securely, and strengthen, and settle you."*

A mature believer will submit to Godly leaders, get underneath, push up and do all you can to see them blessed. As you suffer in your spiritual father's house, you will mature and be established.

1 Pet 2:13 *"13 Be **submissive to every human institution and authority for the sake of the Lord**, whether it be to the emperor as supreme,"*

Submission has nothing to do with the leaders but it is for the Lord's sake!
Submission is not for the benefit of your leader.
It's about you future and the Kingdom's future.

NO SONSHIP NO INFLUENCE!!

1 Pet 2 : 14-17 *"14 Or to governors as sent by him to bring vengeance (punishment, justice) to those who do wrong and to encourage those who do good service.*
*15 For it is God's will and intention that **by doing right** [your good and honest lives] **should silence** (muzzle, gag) the **ignorant charges** and **ill-informed criticisms** of **foolish persons**.*
*16 [Live] as **free people**, [yet] without employing your freedom as a pretext for wickedness; but [live **at all times] as servants of God**.*
*17 **Show respect for all men** [treat them honorably]. Love the brotherhood (the Christian fraternity of which Christ is the Head). Reverence God. Honor the emperor."*

We are not to only honor those that can **do** something for you.
We must honor **all men**.

Submission is not about authority – it is about LOVE!

Eph 5 : 21 *"21 **Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ** (the Messiah, the Anointed One)."*

How can you humble yourself and honor **all** men – getting underneath and pushing up?
YOU CAN'T!!
Submit to love – allow God's love to flow through you.
Look to whom you can give God's love to.

Jesus came to **give His life away**. He did not come as a Father – He came as a Son. He came to **serve**.

Luke 16:12 *"12 And **if you have not proved faithful in that which belongs to another** [whether God or man], **who will give you that which is your own** [that is, the true riches]?"*

Have you been faithful with the **emotions** of your spouse and children?

This faithfulness includes **all areas** of life.



Questions to think about:

1) When did you reject your mother and/or father? When did you cease being their son/daughter?
2) How does that affect your relationship with authority figures today?
3) How has it affected your ability to relate to pastors today?
4) Whose son/daughter are you?
5) How can I begin to walk in "senseless" humility – this is an **attitude** performed.

There are not many Fathers

1 Cor 4:15 *"15 After all, though you should have ten thousand teachers (guides to direct you) in Christ, yet you **do not have many fathers**. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the glad tidings (the Gospel)."*

Who is responsible that there are no fathers in the land?

We must be careful not to take this teaching on the illegitimate/slave heart and use it as a club to hit the church over the head with.
Illegitimate/Slave Leaders

Who put these illegitimate/slave leaders in power?

Samuel and Saul:

In the time of Samuel the people, the people wanted a king. God gave them a king with the name of Saul.
He was anointed, gifted and a head taller than the rest, good looking, etc.
The result of this king was disaster for Israel.

Are you guilty of running after:

- the gifted?
- the anointed?
- the talented?
- the charismatic?

Who have you given money to, supported, or who have you put in power?

People who have a **slave heart**, will reject those who have a father-heart and will rather receive those who tickle their ears.

Immature children have valued leaders with gifts, talents and charisma more than character.

Just like Israel we said, "*Give us someone with anointing, power and giftings*".

There must be a revelation and a return of fathers to the land – **BUT we will not be fathers until we are sons.**

We must start to value character above gifts. Character must be our message – not our words, or our ability to handle the gifts and the power.

Do not look at the Sauls and say "It's because of them that we are in this mess".

Prayer:

Father, forgive me for valuing a man's gift more than I valued his character. Father, give us men that have the heart like David – those that are broken, humble and with servant hearts.

Forgive us for looking for the gift and not the Godly character.

Forgive us for being drawn to those with the power + gifts and not drawn to the fathers that would mature and discipline us according to Your word.

Hear our cry, Father we want to be sons and daughters!

In Jesus Name, AMEN.

With the lack of fathers comes lack **of identity.**

We need so desperately to belong, to have boundaries, etc.

A slave will seek for many years trying to find where he belongs. You do not know yourself if you do not know where you come from.

We have gathered under **banners of certain teachings or organizations**, or some sort of **identity** or we use our **particular gifting** as a source of personhood and identity in the Kingdom.

This perverts the very purpose of why God gave gifts to man.
The result of this is a sick infantile church, unable to walk in the Spirit – she totters and sways, fulfilling the lusts of the flesh.

We need a **REVIVAL and RENEWAL** of **relational patterns**.

We must rediscover the impartation of the relationship between father and son.

ADDENDUM A:
ENDING THE CYCLE OF RELATIONAL DISTANCE AND FAILURES

The Ministry of Restitution – if our actions or attitudes have brought hurt to another person there may be a need to go to that person and make right any wrong to break the destructive patterns in our relationships.

God has forgiven us for the wrong the first time we ask. But to break the cycle of reaping from what we have sown and to begin restoring trust it is often necessary to make every effort to bring healing to others and to seek to restore the fractured relationship. Even if we feel the other person is 98% wrong and we are only 2% wrong, we are 100% responsible to walk in forgiveness and repentance for our 2%. **(see Matthew 5:22-26; Psalm 109:17-19, 29).**

It is not enough for a forgiving person to forgive you. You may still carry unconscious guilt or shame for the offense and have a need to ask for forgiveness to be free.

There can also be a block in the relationship until you acknowledge to them that you have wronged them. The other person may have forgiven you but trust has been violated.

Until you acknowledge your offense it is difficult for them to trust you again because forgiveness and trust are two different things. You will then either respond with self pity (feelings of sorrow over our suffering) or repentance in action that begins to rebuild trust with those who were offended **(2 Corinthians 7:9-11).**

Self pity seldom leads to transformed behavior or restored relationships.

- It diminishes, in our eyes, the gravity of each sin we commit against love and honor towards others.

- It hinders Godly repentance by feeling that life has not been fair with us and believing that others are the cause of our frustrations. Thus we do not look to God but people to meet our need.

- It places the primary fault upon others for relational conflicts because we feel that we have been treated unfairly.

- *If they would not have done that to me…* Or*, If only they would have done this for me then life would be better and I would not be forced to act in such a way!*

- It excuses our negative attitudes by seeing the weaknesses in others and feeling that our rightness justifies our judgmentalism or actions.

- It tries to get others to feel sorry for us and to get them to feel that we have been treated unfairly (defilement) thus strengthening the stronghold of self-pity within.

- It may try to compensate for our relational failures with increased hyper-religious activity, aggressively striving to earn self-worth or acceptance, or we may take on a false sense of responsibility and place all the blame upon ourselves for relational conflicts thus denying others the opportunity to deal with their own issues.

- It often leads to others feeling manipulated or demeaned by closing our heart to those that will not come into agreement with our self-pity, thus leaving others feeling that they have little value or honor in our presence.
- It may result in hidden anger at our feelings of loss or unmet expectations.

- This increases our blame towards others and results in deeper feelings of anger, insecurity, shame, isolation, self-condemnation, addictive compulsive behavior, and/or depression.

- It leaves us dissatisfied at work, church, and at home and we want to escape to a place where we can find rest.

On the other hand, **Godly repentance** always involves action. It is not just emotions and tears. It is to be so grieved at the wounding and stress that our actions and attitudes have brought to others that now we are willing to humble ourselves and do whatever it takes to restore healthy relationships.

- It is to be so grieved at the hurt that our actions and attitudes have brought to others that now we are willing to humble ourselves and do whatever it takes to restore healthy relationships.

- It comes to hate the destructive habit patterns that have misrepresented God's love and grace to others.

- It becomes more concerned with others' needs than our own pride and walls of self-protection.

- It is willing to lay down the need to be right in order to see healing in those whom we have hurt or offended.

- It chooses to walk in openness and transparency, and willingly comes forward and acknowledges our sin against love and how we have hurt or offended others.

- It does not seek to make excuses, seek to put the blame on others, or diminish the depth of our self-deception or fear of intimacy with which we have struggled.

- It takes the focus off of ourselves (self-pity) and begins to focus our energy upon humility, confession, forgiveness, repentance, and healing the pain that we have caused others.

Practicing the Ministry of Restitution
1) Ask God to reveal to you each way you have brought hurt or offense to others. (see Psalm 139:23, 24)

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the names of people that you have offended.

- What is the basic offense - how did you demean, devalue, or dishonor each person?

- Ask the Holy Spirit to bring conviction and repentance to each individual issue. **(see John 15:26; 16:7-8; Romans 2:4)**

2) Ask mature spiritual leaders who know you personally to speak admonition into your blind spots.

- Review with them the above offenses that you have noted. **(see James 5:16; Ephesians 4:15)**

- Give them permission to speak the truth in love to you, about what they have seen in you that could be perceived as offensive or defiling.

- Ask for input as to how you can approach those you have offended and bring restoration to the relationships.

3) Ask forgiveness for how your immaturity, attitudes, actions, or neglect has caused hurt or offense in others.

- Be thankful for this opportunity for growth. God is using this situation to help expose hidden destructive habit patterns and to bring them to death.

- Call on the phone or schedule a meeting with each individual person to whom you may have brought offense or defilement. A letter is not the best way because it does not give opportunity for the offended party to respond, plus it documents instead of removes the offense. Approach them with humility and respect.

- Schedule the meeting during the best time of day for them. Allow plenty of time to discuss the issues.

- You may want a spiritually mature individual to go with you who has helped you see your blind spots and to whom you are holding yourself accountable.

- Begin the meeting by telling the one who you have hurt or offended that God has been revealing to you how your attitude and actions have misrepresented God's love to them. Example: *"God has brought to my attention how wrong I was…*(tell them the basic offense without going into detail)… *It would mean a lot to me if you would forgive me. Will you forgive me?"*

- Do not go into too much detail or it gives the enemy something to work with and to stir up bitterness, resentment, or defilement in the other person.

- Do not expect them to forgive you. They may, but do not require it as it does not always happen.

- At this time, do not mention their faults. Just take ownership of your own. (Later, if your spiritual authority thinks it wise, and some trust is restored with the person, you may go to them about hurts you have received from them.)

- Do not try to diminish your offense by blame shifting, justifying your behavior because of past hurts, or try to make an excuse because you were having a bad day. That only serves to diminish Godly repentance.

- Take full ownership of your misrepresentation of God's love

- Ask each individual you go to if there are other areas that they have personally seen that have brought offense to them or others. Ask forgiveness and apologize for each area they mention.

- Do this individually with each family member, peer, office worker, or authority that you may have offended or defiled.

- If your attitudes or actions have brought offense or defilement to a corporate group (family, work place, church, or group of friends) after you have gone to them individually, then you may want to gather the group together and be specific about how your attitudes have brought offense to the group. Ask them corporately to forgive you and to give you grace while you are attempting to make some changes in life.

4) Ask the spiritually mature person to whom you are accountable to meet with you weekly or monthly.

- Be sure that this individual is mature and is not afraid to speak the truth in love to you and that they do not come into agreement (defilement) with the issues you are having with others but that they know how to help you judge yourself in each matter **(see 1 Corinthians 11:31).**

- Discuss any other blind spots that are being exposed and have them pray with you over issues.

- Ask them how you can grow and mature relationally.

ADDENDUM B: PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE FROM THE CURSE OF ILLEGITIMACY



Father, we come in the Name of Jesus. I bring every sin of our forefathers for up to 400 years before You. I ask You to forgive this sin of bearing illegitimate children that is in my family line for 400 years. I ask You to forgive this sin that has displeased You, or if there has been anyone that has hated You and are bearing this iniquity, I ask You to forgive them also.

I know, Lord, that Your Word says that we bear the sins and the iniquities of our forefathers, and even if I am not illegitimate and have not committed sexual sins, I ask You to cleanse my blood line and anything that I have inherited from my forefathers.

I ask You, Jesus, to come with Your Precious Blood, with Your Allmighty Hand, and to cleanse me from all defilement of sexual sins. Lord clean out all of the old debris in me, that I know nothing about, and everything that hinders my growth as a Christian.

Lord, let Your precious anointing come upon me. Heal and cleanse by Your Precious Blood, by Your stripes that You bore. Lord, I receive my healing in Jesus Name. Because You hung on a tree and was made a curse, I do not have to bear this curse.

Galatians 3:13 says, *"13 Christ purchased our freedom [redeeming us] from the curse (doom) of the Law [and its condemnation] by [Himself] becoming a curse for us, for it is written [in the Scriptures], Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree (is crucified);"*

Lord, for all of my feeling of rejection, not being able to love people, not being able to really "enter in" and worship with a congregation, not ever feeling at home in my church, I ask for Your help. I ask that this curse be lifted off of me, in Jesus Name.

Lord, I totally renounce and reject this enemy that works with this curse making me feel like taking my life, making me feel rejected all the time, causing this sick feeling in my stomach.

Lord, Your Word says, Whoever calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved. Lord, I call on You now. Deliver me from these spirits connected with the curse of illegitimacy.

I come against:

LIST OF SEXUAL DEMONS:

Bastard
Fornication (Idolatrous Sex Orgies) Adultery
Masculine Women
Effeminate Men
Abuser of Themselves with mankind (Arsenokoites or Sodomite, Oral or Anal Copulation)
Sensual (Carnal, Voluptuous, Senses, Appetites) Evil Concupiscence (powerful feelings of physical desire)
Inordinate Affections (Excessive)
Lasciviousness (Lewd Emotions: showing a desire for or unseemly interest in sex)
Filthy Communication (Obscene, Blasphemy, Profanity)
Masturbation
Homosexuality and Catamite Lesbianism
Pornography
Exposure
Uncleanness
Perversion
Lust and Passions, Fantasy Lust
Fantasies
Obscene Music, Poetry, Literature and Art
Occult sex / Sex magic
Immorality
Incest
Harlotry, Rape, Frigidity
Bad Dreams
Heterosexuality

DISEASES:

Veneral Diseases
Gonorrhea
Chancroid (Soft)
Granuloma Inguinale
Spirochetal Infections
Spirochetal Infections
Syphilis
Congenital Syphilis
Gonorrheal Arthritis
Veneral Lympogranuloma
Aids
Meningitis
Endocarditis
Sterility
Insanity
Staggering Gait

Heart Disease
Blindness
Ulcerative Lesions
Yaws
Bejel
Pinta
Relapsing Fever
Tropical Ulcer
Rat-Bite Fever
Weil's Disease
Herpes I and II

We repent for our behavior, and the behavior of our ancestors, going back ten generations. We know that we cannot change their judgment, but we know from Your Word Father, that Jesus died on Calvary's cross to redeem us from all curses, but especially right now we ask You Father to redeem us from the curse of the illegitimacy. We nail the sin, transgressions, and iniquities of ourselves and our ancestors to the Cross, going back ten generations in the Name of Jesus Christ.

We ask You Father, that You restore the blessings in our lives, that we can come freely into the congregation of the Lord, having sweet fellowship with You Father, with You Lord Jesus, and very importantly, that we can have fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We thank You Father for Your faithfulness. Help us break any habit patterns we may have from living under this heavy curse, in the Name of Jesus Christ we pray and thank You for this deliverance.
Amen!

If you prayed this prayer with us in faith, with a heart of repentance, forgiveness and thankfulness, then you are free from the curse of illegitimacy. **He who the Son makes free is free indeed.**[17] What a wonderful realization to know that we do not have to tolerate four hundred years of this curse, that satan's bondage over us is broken, that the spirit of offense has lost its grip. You should be really blessed. We are!

What we have just done together is monumental. Our experience has been that people who have been set free of the curse of illegitimacy see enormous blessings in their relationships both in their churches and in their prayer closets. But why stop here? Why not reach your own family members?

[17] John 8:36
If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.



Now that we have been set free of the curse of illegitimacy, by the price Jesus paid on the Tree, **let's go out to the scattered sheep, and help them come back into the sheepfold.** Explain this to them, or have them read a copy of this book. This book could be a wonderful gift to help your loved ones become set free. Once they understand about this curse, and you pray with them and encourage them to come back into the congregation of the Lord, then you can all stand together, even if there are goats.

The Lord Jesus is coming back for a glorious Church at His return. We believe helping our brothers and sisters break free of the curse of illegitimacy that has inhibited their fellowship is an important part of helping His church be more glorious. If we, the sheep of the Lord's pasture, will look out for one another, and stand together, we will not have to fight off the goats. **The battle belongs to the Lord.** We just stand together in love, helping and encouraging one another, and the authority of this terrible curse will melt away until it is only a bad memory. We believe with all our hearts that this is the Truth.



Nailed to the Cross -

covered by the Blood of the Lamb!!

Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and God was His Father. During His ministry the Pharisees and the Jews belittled and mocked Him by declaring *"where is your Father?"* and *"we are not born of fornication,"* meaning that they were not bastard children like (they thought) Jesus was.

The very process that satan would use to bring generational curses, God, in His infinite wisdom used, through the virgin birth of our Lord and His death on the cross, to break the curse and bring generational blessings. The Word of God declares in Galatians chapter three that Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law. This redemption is universal for all Christians, but it must be appropriated by faith, that the blessing of Abraham may come through Jesus Christ.

May the understanding brought by this book help to release much freedom and joy to the Body of Christ!

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❖ The Defiled Bride – Harlotry and Idolatry

❖ The Tree of Knowledge and the Ancient Serpent - Kundalini

❖ The Wounded Bride – Shame

RESOURCES:

- Edited notes made from cassette teaching by Jack Frost – From Slavery to Sonship
- Breaking the Authority of The Bastard Curse – Carl L. Fox and Paul D. Norcross