

**Free from Sin to Grow in Grace
Session 17 Handout**

STAGES OF SONSHIP GROWTH

1 Corinthians 3:1 NKJV

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual ~~people~~ but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ

1. **Babes** – G3516 – *nepios* – An infant child, little child, not speaking (i.e. an infant). Figuratively, a simple-minded person, an immature Christian; one who is untaught or childish.

Hebrews 5:13 AMP; Ephesians 4:14 AMP

- ➔ A “*nepios*” is one who is _____. They are just learning and coming into the experience of the doctrine of _____. They also are susceptible to false teaching and deception. In other words, they are easily _____.
- ➔ A “*nepios*” can be born again, but they are feeding on the milk of the Word. Because of this, they may still have much of their flesh nature unconquered and will be found with a more _____ focus.
- ➔ “*Nepios*” are spiritual _____. And as babies they will cry, whine, throw fits, and want their way. Also, because they are babies, they need to be _____, assisted, loved on, and attended to in order to _____ properly.

John 21:5 NKJV

Then Jesus said to them, Children, have you any food?

- ➔ **Children** – G3813 – *paidion* – a childling (of either sex), an infant, or by extension, a half-grown boy or girl; of a more advanced child; figuratively, an immature Christian or one who is like children in intellect.

A “*padion*” is one who is under the _____ of a _____ and is the process of learning how to walk in maturity.
- ➔ A “*padion*” is one who can _____ from their _____ walk when offense, storms, or trials come their way.
- ➔ A “*padion*” wants their own way; they haven’t come into the full revelation of laying their _____ down for the perfect will of their father.
- ➔ A “*padion*” is one who can be easily moved but without discerning. They can overvalue what appears to be “spiritual”. **Luke 7:31-32 TPT; 1 Corinthians 14:20 NKJV**

Luke 2:46-49 NKJV

Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. 48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.” 49 And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?”

Son – G5043 – *teknon* – a produced child (universally without regard to sex) and often with emphasis as to be regarded as true, genuine children; children _____ by virtue of the

_____. Pupils or disciples are called “children” by their teachers, because a teachers instructions nourish the minds of their pupils and mold their characters.

- ➔ A “*teknon*” has Christ _____ in them. They have an _____ relationship with Jesus understanding forgiveness, overcoming sin and the doctrine of righteousness.
- ➔ A “*teknon*” is a _____ of _____ and of the Grace-Gift leader/_____ they have been given. They _____ their spiritual fathers to _____, _____, and _____ them.
- ➔ A “*teknon*” is one who understands _____ and desires to walk in the perfect will of God by relinquishing their own will.

John 1:12 TPT; 1 Corinthians 4:14-17 AMP; Ephesians 5:1, 8 TPT

Matthew 1:21 NKJV

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.

Son – G5207 – *huios* – a son, generally used of the offspring of men and in a restricted sense, the male

offspring. In a wider sense it is a _____, the posterity of anyone. Used to describe those who are born again and revere God as their Father. Their character and life resemble God because they are governed by the Spirit of God.

This is the term used preeminently of Jesus Christ, as enjoying the supreme love of God, united to Him in affectionate intimacy, privy to His saving councils, obedient to the Father’s will in all His acts.

- ➔ A “*huios*” understands their heavenly _____ as a mature son and waits to be _____ at the appointed time.

- ➡ A “*huios*” understands _____ and walks in _____ submission.
- ➡ A “*huios*” knows how to walk in and operate their _____.
- ➡ A “*huios*” is one who can be _____ with heavenly _____ and deeper _____ of the Spirit.

Matthew 4:3 NKJV; Matthew 5:9 NKJV; John 5:17-20 TPT

Teknon carries with it more thought of internal _____ with the _____ of _____ and the _____ of the _____ of believer’s having a direct _____ on the _____ and _____ character and _____.

Huios directs the mind more to a _____ or _____. And with that inherited position is given a divine state of worth, love, and esteem.