

**Free from Sin to Grow in Grace
Session 17-1 & 17-2 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.

“Nepios” is used 14 times in 10 verses in the Greek New Testament

Hebrews 5:13; Ephesians 4:14

- ➡ 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 babies. And as babies they will cry, whine, throw fits, and want their way. Also, because they are babies, they need to be cared for, assisted, loved on, and attended to in order to grow properly.

John 21:5 NKJV

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

2. **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.

“Paidion” is used 51 times in 48 verses in the Greek New Testament
--

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

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?”

At the age of twelve, a boy was called by the Jews a “son of the law.” It’s no mistake that at twelve years old, we see Jesus in the synagogue asking and answering questions. It is actually a perfect example of our next word.

3. **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.

“Teknon” is used 99 times in 91 verses in the Greek New Testament

- ➡ 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 allow 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; 1 Corinthians 4:14-17; Ephesians 5:1, 8; 1 Peter 1:14b-15

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.

4. **Beloved 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 descendant, the posterity of anyone. Used to describe those who are born again and revere God as their Father. Those whom the Father esteems as sons, whom He loves, protects and benefits above others. Those whose character and life _____
_____ because they are _____ by the _____ 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.

“Huios” is used 381 times in 348 verses of the Greek New Testament

- ➡ 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; Matthew 5:9; John 5:17-20

Teknon carries more of a 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.

Romans 8:14-16 AMP

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons (**HUIOS**) 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.

Interlinear Concordance:

Adoption – G5206 – *huiothesia* –

- I. Adoption, adoption as sons
 - a. That _____ which God was pleased to establish between Himself and the Israelites in preference to all other nations
 - b. The _____ and _____ of the true _____ in Christ, who by receiving the Spirit of God into their souls become sons of God

- c. The _____ looked for in the future life after the visible return of Christ from heaven

Strong's Concordance:

Adoption – G5206 – *huiothesia* – compound of G5207 & G5087; _____, i.e. adoption (figuratively, Christian sonship in respect to God):--adoption (of children, sons).

- 1) Root Compound G5207 – *huios*
- 2) Root Compound G5087 – *tithemi* – to place (literally and figuratively; in a passive or horizontal posture): advise, appoint, bow, commit, conceive, give, kneel down, lay (aside, down, up), make, ordain, purpose, put, set (forth), settle, sink down.

Tithemi is different from G2476, *histemi*, which denotes an upright and active position. This word means to stand, establish, stand firm, to cause it to stand. It is also different from G2749, *keimai*, meaning to lie outstretched, be buried, which is properly reflexive and utterly prostrate.

Examples of <i>keimai</i> :	Examples of <i>histemi</i> :	Examples of <i>tithemi</i> :
John 11:41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was <i>lying</i> . And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42 And I know that You always hear Me	John 8:3 Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had <i>set</i> her in the midst	John 10:11 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd <i>gives</i> His life for the sheep.
John 20:7 and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not <i>lying</i> with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself	John 18:5 They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also <i>stood</i> with them	John 10:17 17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I <i>lay down</i> My life that I may take it again

The Apostle Paul reveals to the church the divine mystery of our spiritual adoption and how our reconciliation has now placed us in the family of God.

"Our "Adoption Relationship" is conferred by God's act of free grace and redeems those under the law. Its intention and result are a change of "status" mediated by Jesus Christ, from slavery to sonship.

The adopted son of God possesses all family rights, including access to the Father and sharing with Christ in the divine inheritance. The presence of the Spirit of God is both the instrument and the consequence of this sonship."

– New Bible Dictionary