

YOU ARE A SON OF GOD

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“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”

Romans 8:14

1. Not knowing where you're headed causes an identity crisis now

- a. Where am I going? What's my future? What is destined to become of me? = IDENTITY CRISIS!
- b. Feelings of fear, hopelessness, doubt, despair = IDENTITY CRISIS!
- c. Confused about how to make 2Tim 1:7, 2Cor 12:8-9, & 2Cor 4:8 happen? = IDENTITY CRISIS!
- d. Life with these kinds of questions, emotions, & confusion means you do not know, or have forgotten, or have ignored the identity God has given you in Christ as a son of God.

2. You are a son of God, a joint-heir with Christ, an heir of God's glory

- a. Who you are a son of matters – Deu 32:6-9, 1Cor 15:22, John 8:44, Mat 1:20-25
- b. Believers become children of God – Gal 3:26, Rom 8:14 & 16
 - i. Not just children, but adult sons – Gal 4:4-6, Rom 8:15 (Mark 14:36)
- c. Sons receive an inheritance – Gal 4:7, Eph 1:13-14 (11), Col 1:12, Titus 3:7
- d. The inheritance is all blessings and riches of God's glory in Christ! – Eph 1:3, 1:6-7, 1:18, 2:4-7, 3:8, 3:16-18, Phi 4:19, Col 2:2, Col 3:4, 2Thes 2:14, Rom 8:32
- e. WARNING: You are not THE Son of God; Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh (1Tim 3:16)
- f. WARNING: You can't be an heir unless you are a joint-heir with Christ – Eph 3:6, Rom 8:17
 - i. Christ is the beloved firstborn & rightful heir – Rom 8:29, Col 1:18, 1Cor 3:21-23
 - ii. The glory of God is IN Christ – Rom 16:27, 1Cor 1:29-31, John 1:14, Heb 1:2-3
 - iii. BoC joined w/Christ (Eph 5:30) & the PRAISE of his glory – Eph 1:6, 12, & 14, 1Co11:7
 - iv. “if so be that we suffer with him” is not a condition, but a comfort! – Rom 8:18

3. Resolving the identity crisis

- a. As a son of God you have a hope of glory to come & access to God now – Eph 2:18 & 3:12
- b. Hope of glory is how we survive this life that is anything but – Rom 8:18, 2Cor 4:(10)16–5:8
- c. 2Tim 1:7 Fear is conquered by considering your identity as a son – Rom 8:15
- d. 2Cor 12:8-9 Suffering conquered by considering the glory of your inheritance – Rom 8:17-18
- e. 2Cor 4:8 Despair is conquered by considering the hope of things to come – Rom 8:22-25
- f. But how do we wait patiently?
 - i. Reckoning ALL THINGS work together for good – Rom 8:28, Phi 1:21-24
 - ii. Remembering where our hope lies – 1Cor 15:19, Col 1:27, Rom 15:13, Titus 2:13
 - iii. Resting in the position God gave us in Christ as conquerors – Rom 8:35-39