

Now this is a message to Xtns. Alright! You come to Jes. You must come in repentance and faith. You receive His nature. You're born of the H. S. You're a New Creature. And even though you're born of the Spirit and even though you have a New Nature, you're tempted to do wrong. There is still evil that comes at you. What are you gonna do with it? Throughout Xtn history, people of God have wrestled with this problem. And there have been three approaches there's been the

1. Doctrine of Sinlessness. A very earnest group of people that have always taught you can come to a place that even the sin of Adam is eradicated. You don't ever commit any more sin. Now you don't have to do a thing to prove that this is wrong, except by asking a question. Have you ever failed to do one thing that you ought to do? And anyone who's honest will say 'yes, I don't do everything I ought to do or that I'm supposed to do'. So James 14 says 'so you're a sinner then ' for it says 'to him that knoweth to doeth good and doeth it not, to him it is sin'. There's another view that is equally wrong and that is

2. Doctrine of Sinfulness. That we're in a human body; we're just human; we're saved by Grace anyhow and so we have to sin all the time. We just can't overcome our sins. X I have one sin, you have another. Take your choice, but we have to say 'yes' to sin. That, also, is false. The Bible does not say that. The Bible never says you have to commit ANY sin. Now no one has ever failed; no one has ever lived a sinless life, but NOWHERE does the Bible ever say that you've GOT to sin! And then there's another view and that is

3. View of Suppression. You have these sins and you just try to suppress them by your sheer will power; hold them down! Now neither one of these approaches is the way to deal with our temptations to sin. Paul, in Rom. 8: 13 tells us how to apply the principle of killing sin which comes through our evil body. Now remember in Rom. 8: 2 (read) now Paul is saying in every believer there is a law that God has placed. What does he mean by 'law'? An authority or power or a fixed principle and he says it's the law of the H. S. of Life in Christ Jes. There has entered into every Xtn the H. S.; the third person of the Trinity.

In the 11th verse, he says that Spirit is nothing short of the resurrection power of Jes. He says that through this power that we're freed from the power of sin and death. That we're liberated from sin and we do not have to obey sin. But you say 'but how do we apply this in our lives'? Here I am, I'm a Xtn; I know I'm a Xtn and yet, I'm tempted to sin. Maybe I'm jealous; maybe I'm inclined to gossip; maybe I'm inclined to be lazy or to be unfaithful or maybe there's lust in our heart. There's something that is evil in me and I'm concerned about getting it out of my life and killing it because this is not the will of God for my life.

Paul tells us in Rom. 8: 13 how to do it. He says

V. 13: (read) that is if you follow the old sin nature, you're gonna die. We're dead now, this is the lost man when we live after the flesh, we're dead Spiritually. When we die, we're gonna be dead forever - that is an eternal separation from God. Eternal death. But then, he goes on to say the most wonderful thing in all the Bible for the Xtn. He says (latter part of V. 13) if ye through the Spirit (notice with a big 'S') if ye, through the aid of the H. S.... what H. S.? The Spirit that came in at the New Birth. This tremendous power; this law of the Spirit of Life, Christ Jes., He says 'if ye through the H. S., through the aid of the H. S. he is saying, put to death - or mortify. The word mortify means 'put to death'.

But the form of this word in the Greek tongue says 'cause to be put to death'. If ye, through the aid of the H. S., which is in you, do cause to be put to death the misdeeds - not the deeds - the misdeeds of the body. Why does he speak of the misdeeds of the body? Because it's through the physical body that sin comes. Lust and jealousy and sin comes through, but it's the misdeeds of sin that comes through the body. He says 'if you, through the aid of the H. S., do cause to be put to death the misdeeds of the body, you shall live'. Now you say 'well, you've explained it and yet I still do not understand it'. All right, now take your life today: what is the misdeed in your life? What is the temptation? What is the problem you face today? How are you going to get rid of it?

You cannot within your own power! If it is something that's in your thought life and something

that's in your pattern life, you cannot, by your own will power, overcome it! What must be done with it? It must be killed! It must be crucified. It must be taken to a place of execution and you and I cannot do that without someone else to help us. You see, a person cannot crucify himself. Now if I were to try to crucify myself, I could nail my left hand. I could take a hammer and a nail and I could nail one hand to the cross but I could not nail the other hand! Only the H. S. can crucify the evil and take our sins to the cross, if we WANT Him to and if we cause the H. S. to put this to death, until we are sick and tired of it and until we recognize the problem and turn it over to Him, He simply is not going to deal with it!

But if we recognize it and we don't want to follow this and we will say to the H. S. 'take it to the cross' He'll take it to the cross; it will be killed and we'll have victory over it! Because Christ died for it on the cross and He does not want us to be bound! Not even by a wrong attitude! Not even by negativism. Many people are bound because they are negative. That's a sin. And you say 'well, I'm gonna do better' and you may do better a few days but you find yourself lapsing right back into the sin. Now let me illustrate it. How do you cause to be put to death? The misdeeds of the body? What is the misdeed that you want to get rid of; that you want to kill? How do you do it?

Let me illustrate: I have a good friend who said his life was changed one day by an incident, in his life. He'd never understood Rom. 8: 13. He knew there was a tremendous Truth there, but he'd never understood it. He had a dog by the name of Skipper. And that dog was greatly loved in the home of this pastor. One day he snapped at his child and he had the dog taken to the veterinarian to be examined and the veterinarian said 'well, the dog can live a normal life but he'll always be dangerous' and the pastor said 'well, I'm gonna take him back into the home, he means so much to me'. He took him back in the home and the dog bit his daughter.

So frantically, he takes the dog to the veterinarian and he said 'I've got this dog on my hands and we just love this dog like we love a member of the family and yet this dog, Skipper, is very, very dangerous. What are we gonna do?' And the Veterinarian said 'you ought to get

rid of the dog' and the pastor said 'I just can't do that. I just cannot kill this dog'. And the veterinarian said 'that's not your job to kill the dog. That is not your task at all to kill the dog. You ought NOT kill the dog. That's MY job. It's MY job to take the dog to a place of execution and get him out of your life'. Then the Veterinarian said 'but I cannot do that under the circumstances'. 'Why?' 'Because you have not given me permission. You're still holding on to the dog. The moment you turn that dog over to me, I will take that dog to the place of execution and take that dog out of your life'.

And the pastor said when the doctor told him that, that the Spirit revealed to him clearly and absolutely HOW we kill the monster on the inside of us! We say to the H. S. 'we want this thing out of our life. We can't handle it ourselves; it's killing us, it's ruining our lives. We turn it over to You, consciously and by faith, we do this. We're dealing with a person. Take this attitude, take this misdeed - Jes. died for it and here I am bothered and burdened by it. Take it to the cross; I'm tired of it; I want to get rid of it. Take it to the cross; take it to the place of execution. Kill it!' And Paul says 'it will be killed and we will have victory over the monster on the inside of us!'

Have you done it in your own life? If you haven't, you ^{know} ~~don't~~ want I'm talking about but I'm telling you: tomorrow, tonight look at the misdeed in your life and dare to do what I say and SEE what God does in your life! You'll see that it'll be put to death and you'll see that you will have victory, my friends, in areas that have been defeating you! Because, unless I have victory in the areas that sin attack me, I am defeated! The person who is bound by certain habits and certain attitudes and takes the attitude I can't have victory, that person is defeated and will FOREVER be defeated, my friends!

We have got to have victory over that which is attacking us. And that's the way God provides for His people to have victory. All right, how to kill the monster on the inside of you!

14-18 = Sons of God

Now beginning in the next verse and going through V. 18, we have a marvelous description of being a Son of God or what it means to be a Son of God. Seven Steps of God's Sonship: Rom. 8:

14 through 18 - SEVEN SHIPS.

The First Ship is mentioned in V. 14. Now I want to say this: ~~XX~~ in Gal., Paul distinguishes between being a child of God and being a full grown Son of God. You see, you can just be Born of the Spirit of God and have the life of the Father but God wants us to go on and enjoy the resources of the Father. All that the Father offers. Paul, in Gal. 4 speaks of a minor who's under a teacher and who has not come into his inheritance but then he says he grows up and he becomes a son and becomes heir of all that God has. So many people are just - they just have life in Christ but they never enter in to the great advantages and benefits of being a full grown Son of God! But God wants every one of us to enter into the inheritance!

Not just be a believer in Christ and not go on, but to grow up in Christ! And to enter in to all that He has for us! The first sign of a Son of God is

FIRST SHIP: He's Led By The Spirit of God.

V. 14 (read) 'as many as are LED' notice ~~XX~~ not driven. God's not gonna drive us! He leads and he says 'as many as are led by the Spirit (with a big 'S' - by the H. S.) they are the sons of God'. Alright, now what does it mean to be led by the H. S.? ~~XX~~ Well, it means the opposite of being dominated by the flesh or the old sin nature. We just looked at one thing it means. It means overcoming sin, through the power of the H. S. But it means anything you want to mention in the Xtn life: it means the Lordship of Christ.

When we're led of the H. S., we're led to the Bible. We're led to prayer. We're led to soul winning. When we're led of the H. S., the fruit of the H. S. will be in our lives. Our lives are no longer controled, led by ourselves. They're led by God. The H. S.: MY, what a statement this is! Is your life led by yourself or by God? Man, it means something to be led off the H. S.! Those who are the sons of God, though, are led. Now there are people who have life in Christ and they are believers in Christ, who are not led of the Spirit. They're not led of the Spirit. They often follow their own selfishness. But how sad it is to follow our own selfishness rather than the wonderful guidance and leadership of the H. S.! The first evidence

of Sonship is Leadership! Following the H. S. But then he keeps on and in the next verse, he speaks of another mark of being a Son and that is

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SECOND SHIP: SONSHIP ITSELF.

V. 15 (read) ye have not again received the spirit of bondage to fear. Gods people have not received the Spirit of fear. 11 Tim. 1: 7 says (read) WHEN WE'RE AFRAID AND UBSET - THAT didn't come from God! God does not want us to be afraid; He wants us to have such a relationship to the Father in Heaven, until we will not be afraid at all, but we will feel that we're in His care and in His protection and so he points out that negative to begin with. But then he says (latter part of V. 15 there in Romans) 'Spirit of adoption' which means the Spirit of Sonship.

*Before saved, God is a judge
After we're saved, G. is our father & friend*

The word 'adoption' here is the word which means the 'placing of adult son'. You have received the Spirit (the H. S.) for the placing of you as an adult son. This is Sonship. You say 'well I thought I became a son of God at the time of the New Birth'. Well, you certainly have got to be born again to be a child of God, but God does more than give us His life! He makes us Sons and the only way He can do this is through adoption. Through adoption. See, God the Father has only one actual Son - that's Jes. If we become a son, it has to be through the adoption. He said the adoption is through the power of the H. S. We become a son of God, which means we become an heir of God and all that He has.

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In the New Birth, we receive his nature, but in adoption, we become legal heirs to everything that God has. Now in the Roman world, to be adopted into a family - if anything - was a higher honor than to be born naturally into the family. Because, you see, if a child is born into a family, as the Romans said 'well, the family couldn't say whether it would be a boy or a girl, red haired or whatever. But when they adopted a child, they CHOSE the child! And Paul is saying that God has CHOSEN us to be His sons because He WANTED us and He LOVED us so much! And He chose us for Sonship. Now he goes on to say, in the very last part of that verse, he speaks of

III. THIRD SHIP: FELLOWSHIP. Intimate fellowship! He says 'you have not received the Spirit of bondage; but you have received the Spirit of sonship whereby whereby what? That is, 'by the H. S. in our hearts, we cry 'Abba, Father'. What is he talking about? Abba is an Aramaic word. I really believe that's what Paul called his earthly father. I think he spoke Aramaic and 'Abba' is a more intimate word for father than the word father. It means 'daddy' or 'my papa'. This is saying that through the H. S., there is an emotional response that we can have to God that is so tremendous until we feel so close to Him that we say 'daddy'.

'Papa': My daddy. Not just father and of course, as you and I begin to think of the Father in Heaven; of His love around us; His wisdom protecting us; His - just EVERYTHING that He gives to us - how wonderful He is that we feel this intimate fellowship with Him until we just think of Him as being our Spiritual Daddy! My, what a relationship this is: that God wants us to have with Him. When Sam Wiley came to our staff, the first thing we noticed was that when he would pray in the Staff Meetings, he addressed God as 'Papa God'. Papa God!

God is not near to most people. He's not close and He's not too real! But He wants to be to all of us. Until He is Abba; until He's daddy. We feel so close to Him; His arms are around us; His protection; His guidance! That He's a DADDY to us, in this world and Paul says this comes through the work of the H. S. Now in the next verse, he speaks of our

IV. FOURTH SHIP: KINSHIP.

V. 16 (read) notice the big 'S' again - that's the H. S. - 'beareth witness (the Greek word is 'bears joint witness'). The H. S. Himself bears joint witness ~~with~~ with our spirit (notice the little 'S'?) that we are the children of God. You see, when we come to Jes., our spirits are redeemed. They live within us. They're made congenial to the H. S. The H. S. witnesses - speaks - to this redeemed Spirit on the inside of us, assuring us that we are the children of God. Now here's where feeling comes in the Xtn experience and in the Xtn life.

We're not saved by feelings. We must not walk by feelings. If you do not feel as I said in

the morning message, like doing something, that doesn't mean you ought not do it at all. If you don't feel like praying, that doesn't mean you ought not pray. We can't always feel, but friends, we better feel sometimes! There must be something that burns within your hearts and WILL, if we're a child of God, unless we know it in the heart, (if it's just in the head, we're ~~not~~ not Xtns!) Our grandmothers were not crazy when they shouted in church. Like modern psychologists say. We don't have enough emotion today. Now you can go overboard and when you go overboard, you made a tremendous mistake, and there are churches that go overboard and they just promote emotion!

That's not the answer. But we stand in danger today of not really having enough feeling. Not really having ENOUGH feeling! Oh, when the Spirit, the H. S., witnesses to our spirit, who are the children of God, that makes us happy indeed. That's heartfelt religion. That's real salvation, my friends, is to feel it and to sense it in the heart: the Spirit speaking to our spirit! Saying that we are the children of God. Now this is something that is so tremendous and so great until we can't even express it, if we try to express it! In my home church back in N. Carolina, in a testimonial meeting, a man just got right up in the church and said _____. And often, these things happen when we're alone.

I'd drive my car back in January, after the witness of the H. S., I had to park the car. The glory of God, the joy of the Lord was upon me; I was singing the praises of God! It was just an incredible experience I had in my car! Over here on the bypass. The Spirit witnessing with our spirit. Why does God do this? You and I need it, occasionally. You and I need such an emotional experience until we'll just know that God is real and I knew - I even wrote it down - I have it in my notes. I just knew that God was just so real and so wonderful. His witness in our hearts.

You know, when this country was founded, there was not a lot of Xtns saved. Eighteen hundred a lot of needs in the land; lot of infidels and God raised up a group of people - they were called Methodist, believe it or not - would you believe that? Did you grow up a Methodist? Was your grandmother a Methodist? And she didn't hear this little _____ teaching in the

salvation - ⁻⁹⁻ John 5:24
Word (external) - Rom. 8:16
Spirit (internal) - Rom. 8:16

Methodist church? You know what she did? She shouted and they talked about the witness of the H. S. and millions of people heard their message and was converted and at one time, the Methodist was the largest church in America and more people attended the Methodist church than any church in America. And they stressed this burning of the heart! This witness of the H. S. Not today. NOT today! There used to be a time in Baptist churches that we were not afraid to say 'Amen'; not afraid to shout and not afraid to say 'Praise God'; not afraid to pray for Divine healing in Baptist churches. There used to be!

You know what scared us to death? The Pentecostals. And they got into some extremes and they carried it too far and you know what the Baptists did? They said 'we won't have ANY of this'. This is the history! This is the history and the answer is NEVER, my friends, to throw out the feeling of God and the Joy of the Lord, just to keep it under the control of the Word of God, the Spirit, the H. S. Himself bearing joint witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God and that gives us two witnesses!

Now the Bible is a witness. The Bible is a witness. It says 'whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord is saved' and we need that witness but if the only witness we have is the Bible and it's not in the heart, it's not real! MANY people will miss Heaven by eighteen inches The distance from the head to the heart! You see, you can believe everything; you can believe everything in the Bible about Christ but there must be a time that He enters the life and when He enters the life, that Spirits redeemed and the H. S. witnesses - witnesses to our spirit and tells us that we are the children of God!

SM - Ed Hackney
My best friend in college, he had such a radiant testimony; went to Pakistan as a Missionary and someone asked him 'how do you know? How do you know?' and on that sophisticated campus he would say 'I have inside information!' I have inside information. That's the witness of the H. S. Now there's another evidence and that's

FIFTH SHIP: OWNERSHIP. He says in

V. 17 (read) 'if children, then heirs' - heirs of what? Heirs of God; heirs of God, the Father 'And joint-heirs with Christ'. Joint-heirs with Christ! The old country preacher read this and if you pronounce heirs phonetically, you'll pronounce it 'heirs (higher)' and so he read it like this: and if children, then highers; highers of God and joint higher than Christ' and he preached a sermon saying that a believer is a joint higher than JC! Well, we're not a joint higher than Christ, but he didn't miss it too far!

We are joint-heirs with Christ. Everything that belongs to Jes. Christ belongs to you tonight, as a son of God! EVERYTHING, absolutely! The Father's not kept anything from you that He's given to His Son (John 17: 23 (read)). Did you know the Bible teaches that? And Jes. is gonna rule in the world to come but you and I are gonna rule right beside Him, even to judging a lost world. You say 'but heir - when we see the word heir, we think of a man dying and reading a will'. Well, indeed, Jes. did die, but I want to tell you that He who died, arose from the dead and the executor of the will has come back into life and we're heir right now. We don't have to wait until we die to enter into the inheritance God has for us!

John 11:25

* Eph. 1: 14 (read) what does earnest mean? Down payment! * The H. S. within us today IS the inheritance - part of it. It's a foretaste of Heaven but the Joy of the Lord, the Power of God, the Presence of Jes., the Ability to pray and to understand the Bible; to Overcome sin; to have the Fruit of the H. Ghost in our lives; the wonderful Hope of God dwelling in us! Sometimes the miraculous Divine healing - oh, my friends, we're already heirs right here! And God wants us to enjoy Him right here and not wait until we get to Heaven! Too many people are waiting until they get to Heaven.

sm - Bishop Moore

Man, if you wait until then, you're not even gonna go to Heaven! You've got to start here in this life and if you don't start in this life, you don't have it! I read that Bishop Moore was riding through Georgia on a slow train and he stopped at a train station and there were people sitting there in that sleepy Georgia town and he said to a man sitting there on a bench 'anybody around here enjoying his religion?' and he said that plain fellow (I think he was a

black fellow) said 'everybody that's got it is enjoying it'. Everybody that's got it is enjoying it! Listen, the inheritance begins NOW and of course, it's going to include everything in the world in Eternity but we're heirs of God and joint-heirs with JC. I think we ought to live that way! And yet, we mope around a lot of the times like we're broke and that we're paupers and that we don't have anything and we're absolutely filthy rich if we just knew it tonight!

If you're a child of God, if you can't pay your bills, I don't care what in the world your state is - you're joint-heirs with everything this world has. It's all yours! What Christ owns, you and I own. Suppose that you were one of two sons and your dad owned a thousand dollars - I mean a thousand acres of favorite land - say, on the river. But you're a joint-heir. That wouldn't mean that you were entitled to 500 acres and your brother entitled to 500 acres. You would be entitled to the thousand acres. It doesn't say 'an heir of Christ' it says 'a joint-heir' a joint-heir of Christ! MY, what an inheritance we have with the Lord.

✕ So it's Ownership. In 1 Cor. 3: 21 (read) 'are yours - not will be yours - all things are yours'. It's time we began to appropriate these things; it's time we began to use them but if you don't believe what I'm saying, you'll spend half of your life fretting over things you don't have and confessing the _____ but when you believe that all things are yours, you'll never be defeated! NEVER! No Xtn should be defeated. No Xtn should be down at the mouth. NO person, who names the name of Christ, ought to be depressed. We have everything in Him. Everything we need. The Bible says this. But notice in the next place and here's the amazing thing

✓ SIXTH SHIP: HARDSHIP.

Say 'well, I hate that you mentioned that'. AND there are whole systems of doctrine and people- you can see them on television - you can attend meetings in Tulsa; you can go to all kinds of places and you can hear teaching like this: that you don't ever have to suffer. That everybody can drive a pink Cadillac! That if you live right, you'll not be ill and if you are ill,

it's because you don't live right. Do you realize that the Bible puts the glory of God and suffering right together? You may be called on to suffer as a son of God. Indeed, if you follow Christ, you can, but help, but suffer! If you have never suffered, it's because you have not followed Christ! If any man will live Godly; if any man, woman will live Godly in Christ Jes., he shall suffer persecution. 11 Tim. 3: 13.

We cannot avoid some suffering if we are for Christ. He says 'heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be, that we suffer with Him, that we share His suffering that we may also share His glory! A part of the inheritance is suffering! Is suffering! Did you know the Bible says in Phil. 1: 21 (read) and if you're suffering WITH Christ, it's wonderful! It is wonderful to suffer for His Name! Now how did Christ suffer? Well,

① FIRST OF ALL: He suffered from the hands of satan. We cannot ~~say~~ fail to suffer from the hands of satan. He's gonna work on us. Now we're gonna suffer and then He

② SECOND: He suffered from the hands of His human enemies. They attacked Him and hounded Him and you cannot live for Christ and not have some enemies! And then He

③ THIRD: Suffered from the hands of His friends, which is the worst suffering He went through with and that's the worst suffering YOU'LL go throughw with. The worst suffering I have ever had in my life was not from my enemies! I can handle my enemies. They were people who were supposed to be my friends! Sometimes right in the church. It might be a member of your family. It might be blood kin. Christ suffered from those who were closest to Him. Shouldn't be that way! But it often IS that way. And then, He

④ FOURTH: Suffered for world redemption. He went to a cross; He could not redeem us without suffering. And you and I can never die on the cross for the sins of the world, but listen, we are called on to be a witness for the Lord. The word 'witness' in the Scrip. is 'martyr' 'AFTER that the H. S. is come upon you, ye shall receive power and ye shall be Martyrs (that's the word) willing to die if need be. When did you last win someone to Jes.? When did

you last try? Listen, if we witness for Christ, we are going to suffer. ^{XX} You'll be surprised when I tell you that if you're a faithful witness in the FBC, the members of the FBC will criticise you! I've been severely criticized because I was ~~going~~ going after people and trying to get them to Christ! You can't win people without incurring the criticism of others and they, themselves, sometimes will turn on you! Suffering! Suffering with Christ! It's a part of the package of Sonship.

You say 'well, that means we've got to live our lives in ~~xxx~~ depression and that means that we've got to be without joy! NOT for the word of you! Listen, serving Christ, suffering and being filled with Joy all at the same time! That's what God wants us to do. Is to serve Him and if serving Him cause suffering, not to lose our Joy of Jes. or be depressed a moment, but to know He's with us and keep our eyes upon the Lord. Is someone suffering for Christ tonight? Well, praise His Name! It's a great evidence that you belong to Him and that things are all right! But notice

V. 18 (read) 'which shall be revealed IN us (not TO us). In studying the Bible, I would encourage you to read it very, very carefully. Read the prepositions. The Prepositions are absolutely essential in understanding the Bible. He doesn't say 'TO us' but the 'Glory which shall be revealed IN to us' is what the Greek says. Now Paul, he paints this picture: here on this side, he piles up the suffering. Now think of his sufferings. No one ever suffered in the world like Paul did, except Jes.

AND he says 'I reckon that ALL of my suffering he takes a whole chapter (11 Cor. 11) to tell about his suffering. He was beat thirty nine times just short of death. He was out in the sea, in the wilderness without food. Hated by man. Destitute. He piled up all these sufferings on this side; on scales, as it were. And he's seeking to balance them. And he says 'don't even mention your sufferings, compared to the Glory of God; which shall be revealed in us! The sufferings are nothing! God over-balances it in favor of the Glory of God! We get all upset if we go out here to make a soul-winning visit and someone curses. Or someone closes the door. Or someone just criticizes us a little!

We ought not even think of that! We ought to keep our eyes upon Jes. and think of the Glory that will be revealed IN us! Now notice 'IN us'. What does he mean by this 'IN us'? Well, we're going to behold the Glory of Jes. and we're going to behold the New Jerusalem and we're gonna have a mansion. But you see, it's not enough to GO to Heaven and to look upon the glories of Heaven; Paul is saying something here far greater! He says that we're gonna SHARE the Glory! That is's gonna come IN TO us - on the inside of us, into our person!

C. F. Lewis wrote a book on 'The Way To Glory' - 'The Weight of Glory' and he says that we look at the beautiful sunset but all we can do is to look at it. We look at beauty; we look at these wonderful things but we want those things to come into us. We want to bathe in them. We want to absorb them; we don't want to just look at them at a distance, friends. That's what's gonna happen to the sons of God in Glory! We are gonna share Gods Glory, which is Himself! The Bible describes it - not as Deity, but a thin line between what will be and Deity itself.

John 3:2

1 John 3: 2 says (read) we shall be like Jes. 'For we shall see Him as He is', Can you imagine having a perfect body? That doesn't just travel at the speed of light, a hundred and eighty six miles a second, but the speed of thought! No limitation whatsoever in our physical body - a body that could go over this universe anywhere as quick as it could think! That's what Jes. could do. A body that could never get ill. A mind that could understand everything! A totally perfect Spirit. The Glory which shall be revealed in us cannot even be compared with the little bit of suffering that we have in this world and yet, we're just subject to give up and to cry, when we just have just a little bit of trials in this world!

Why do I call V. 18 Worship?

VJH

SEVENTH SHIP: WORSHIP.

Partnership

Here's the place to stop and worship. And to praise God. You talk about a person talking about his sacrifices for the Lord or the suffering - listen, that's a person who doesn't know

his Bible. I've never made a sacrifice in my life, have you? Oh, I've done some things, you know - I've given money that I should have invested in some property. I could have put it in the bank; I've given it to my church! But that's no sacrifice! God dealt with my heart three years in N. Carolina and came and yanked me out of a good church. No income, leaving my weakened mother and my family, sent me to New Orleans and to Memphis and brought me here in the West.

My mother, the last time I ever saw her, said 'if I'd known the day you went to

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I've not suffered anything! Don't mention it, Bill Bennett, don't mention it and don't you mention it. But praise God tonight if you're in a situation where you have to suffer some for the Name of Jes. If you will do it WITH Him and FOR His Glory, listen, the glory that's gonna be revealed in you is so much greater that you won't even think of this and you'll praise God for the privilege. So here are the marks of Sonship:

1. LEADERSHIP OF THE H. S. Are you led of the Spirit or are you led by yourself and by your convenience?
2. SONSHIP. Being adopted as a full fledged son.
3. FELLOWSHIP. Through the H. S., God so real that we call Him daddy and our hearts respond to Him. Man, how we NEED this today! This closeness with the Father in Heaven.
4. KINSHIP. Knowing that we belong to Him. I told you about this survey in my message at 9:30 - the survey that was taken that showed so many church members discouraged. It's not just in one church. Which shows it's not the condition of the church; it's not the pastor or the S. S. teacher or the way the church is operated. It's everywhere! But you know the people that made the survey came back and asked a question: WHY? WHY so many church members discouraged? They just gave one answer: they don't know who they are! Do you know who you are tonight? I'm afraid that most Xtns don't know who they are! They don't understand what they

have in Christ! Unless we know who we are, we won't behave WHAT we are! I said to my boys all their lives, I said what I told you this morning in the message, 'Do what you know is right, whether you feel like it or not! The feeling will come'. I also said this to them? 'Remember WHO you are'. And I didn't mean Bill Bennett, Phillip Bennett and David Bennett. Remember WHO you are, boys; remember WHO you are! You're a child of God; you're a child of God! LIVE like it in college. Act like it, behave like it - you're a child of God!

You're not an animal. You're a child of the most high God! Listen, to know who we are -- one of the ~~most~~ saddest things is the teaching of humanism and evolution, which has degraded mankind and he's been taught he's an animal. No wonder we have what we have in our society today. If I thought I was an animal, I'd live like an animal also! But if I think I'm a son of God, I'm gonna live like a son of God! So many people - all they know is, they believed in Christ and they were baptized but they have no earthly idea what they have in Christ!

Sad beyond words. And then

5. Ownership of everything. It begins NOW - all things are yours (1 Cor. 3: 21). We ought to enjoy them. You better not wait until you come to Heaven; somethings wrong and in the midst of that, suffering for the Lord. ~~ANDXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

6. Hardship. That's the siffering for the Lord. And then all of this makes us

7. (Worship.) Partnership - Sharing in His glory (v. 18)

Next time, we're gonna deal with the account in Romans; of the resurrection of the world. The physical universe in which we live is gonna be born again one day. And man'll be a new man in a new world, in a perfect world. This world is gonna be completely redeemed by the power of JC. And that's the way it's moving tonight. Where are we going? We're headed toward the Kingdom. That's where history is moving tonight. When God is going to resurrect this old universe and give it to the people of God. That's what we're gonna study next time. I don't know how much territory we'll cover because it's so tremendous. Let's stand and pray.