

## “SONS OF GOD - MANIFEST - Part 1”

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**INTRO:** On this Easter Sunday morning we're going to focus on how Jesus' resurrection from the dead can impact our daily lives in power ways.

### **1. PAST – our initial salvation.**

A. Salvation requires Jesus' resurrection (1Cor. 15:14, 17)!

B. Salvation requires us to believe this (Rom. 10:9).

### **2. FUTURE – our future resurrection.**

A. Christ's resurrection guarantees ours (1Cor. 15:13, 20).

### **3. PRESENT – our present life as manifest sons of God.**

#### **I. BECOMING MANIFEST SONS OF GOD (Rom. 8; etc.).**

A. At conversion we become sons of God (Jn. 1:12).

B. We're adopted into God's family (Rom. 8:15; Eph. 1:5).

1. The Holy Spirit regenerates our spirit (Titus 3:5).

2. Our body becomes the Spirit's home (1Cor. 6:19-20) – the Spirit that rose Christ from the dead (Rom. 8:11).

3. The Spirit becomes one with our spirit (1Cor. 6:17).

4. The Spirit bears witness to our sonship (Rom. 8:16) and to our adoption (Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:5-6).

C. As adopted sons we're joint heirs with Christ (Rom. 8:17).

D. God sees us as sons, not slaves (Gal. 4:1-7; Jn. 15:15).

#### **II. CREATION'S TRAVAIL FOR THE MANIFEST SONS OF GOD (Rom. 8:18-25).**

A. Don't let suffering cloud this vision (Rom. 8:18).

B. Creation is waiting for sons to manifest (Rom. 8:19).

C. The creation is subjected to futility (Rom. 8:20).

D. The creation's deliverance is coming (Rom. 8:21).

E. The whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs for the sons of God to be manifest (Rom. 8:22).

F. Even Christians are groaning for this manifestation and our bodily resurrection (Rom. 8:23).

1. We're called to persevere in this hope (Rom. 8:24-25).

**CONCLUSION:** Sons of God – manifest! It's time! The world is groaning for it. Let's not keep them waiting any longer!