

“SONS OF GOD - MANIFEST - Part II”

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INTRO: Christ’s resurrection was necessary for us to be saved and have a hope of a future resurrection. At conversion we become children of God.

I. CREATION’S TRAVAIL FOR THE MANIFEST SONS OF GOD.

- A. Creation is waiting for sons to manifest (Rom. 8:19).
- B. The creation is subjected to futility (Rom. 8:20).
- C. The creation’s deliverance is coming (Rom. 8:21).
- D. Creation is in labor for sons of God to manifest (v. 22).
- E. Christians are groaning for bodily resurrection (v. 23).
 - 1. We’re called to persevere in this hope (Rom. 8:24-25).

II. CHARACTERISTICS OF MANIFEST SONS OF GOD.

- A. The Spirit in us helps us (how to pray) (Rom. 8:26-27).
- B. The manifestation of the sons of God includes:
 - 1. Knowing all things work together for our good (v. 28).
 - 2. A growing in Christlikeness (Rom. 8:29).
 - 3. A radiating of the glory of God (Rom. 8:30).
- C. The full manifestation at Christ’s coming (1Jn. 3:2-3).
- D. Christ wants to be revealed **IN** us and **THROUGH** us **BEFORE** He returns **FOR** us!
 - 1. Purify yourself (1Jn. 1:3; 2Cor. 3:18).
 - 2. **“The Behold Become Principle”**: We tend to become like that which we behold! What are you looking at?

III. WHAT THEN SHALL WE SAY TO THESE THINGS?

- A. With God for us, what else matters (Rom. 8:31)?
- B. God won’t spare anything you need (Rom. 8:32)!
- C. Justification, not condemnation (Rom. 8:33-34; 1)!
- D. Nothing can separate you from God’s love (vv. 35-39)!
- E. We’re more than conquerors (Rom. 8:37)!

IV. ADDITIONAL CHARACTERISTICS.

- A. We live according to the Spirit (not flesh) (Rom. 8:5-9).
- B. You owe your flesh nothing (crucify it) (Rom. 8:12-14).
- C. See also Jn. 14:12; Matt. 10:7-8; 17:20; Mk. 9:23; Lk. 1:37; Phil. 2:13-15; Eph. 2:5-6; 4:13-15; 5:27.

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