

PERSONAL NOTES

"... and all become fullgrown in the Lord – yes, to the point of being filled full with Christ.

... and so become more and more in every way like Christ who is the Head of His body, the church. Under His direction the whole body is fitted together perfectly, and each part in its own special way helps the other parts, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." Eph. 4:13b, 16, LB.

There is, as yet, not a single manifested son of God anywhere in the world!

We are either "*Nepios*," "*Paidons*" or "*Teknons*!" Babies, young children or teenagers. Some of us are on the brink of breaking through into the maturity level; the Feast of Tabernacles Dimension.

Lecture 7: The Manifestation of the Sons of God

God's Present Work in the Earth

All that God is presently doing may be stated with disarming simplicity: He is calling out from among the nations **a people for His Name**, that is, for His **nature** (1 Pet. 2:10).

During this present age, Christ's reign is not universal in scope. It is **intimate, precise, and exacting**, confined entirely to those who obey His call and follow Him into the fullness of sonship. These are not merely believers, but sons, men and women in whom Christ's life is being fully formed.

Such sons do not merely belong to the Kingdom; they **embody its government**.

Creation Awaits the Sons

"The whole created universe eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons (sons = mature saints) of God." Rom. 8:19, William Barclay

Creation is not waiting for an event, a doctrine, or a political shift. It waits for **people**, mature sons through whom God's rule may flow.

The fall of man plunged creation into frustration, decay, and disorder, not by its own choice, but through man's disobedience. Restoration must therefore come **through man**, now redeemed, matured, and governed by Christ.

Creation groans like a woman in labor, not in despair, but in **expectation**.

Daniel's Vision of the Ruling Saints

Daniel saw this same truth centuries earlier:

"He was given the ruling power and glory over all the nations of the world, so that all people of every language must obey Him. His power is eternal – it will never end; His government shall never fall. 'These four huge animals,' he said, 'represent four kings who will someday rule the earth.' But in the end the people of the Most High God shall rule the governments of the world forever and forever" (Dan. 7:1-28, LB.).

The vision reveals beasts, symbolic of **bestly nature** manifesting within God's temple (1 Cor. 3:16–17; Gal. 5:19–21). These are not merely political empires, but **spiritual conditions** resisting God's reign.

Yet judgment comes, not merely to destroy, but to **transfer authority**.

“Then every nation under heaven, and all their power, shall be given to the people of God; they shall rule all things forever, and all rulers shall serve and obey them.” Dan. 7:27, LB.

Symbolism and Spiritual Reality

Spiritual realities are frequently unveiled through natural symbolism.

Example: the number four

- earth, air, fire, water
- north, south, east, west
- seasons, times, directions

Thus, Daniel’s beasts represent **unredeemed nature** manifesting where God’s rule should dwell (1 Cor. 3:9, 16-17; 2 Thes. 2:1-8; Gal. 5:17-21).

The Great Multitude and the Overcomers

One of the most tragic errors in Christianity is the belief that **all professing believers will rule with Christ**.

Revelation carefully distinguishes between:

the great multitude (Revelation 7:9–15)

the overcomers (Revelation 2–3)

The multitude:

- stand before the throne
- serve in the temple
- are never seated on the throne

The overcomers:

- sit with Christ
- rule with Him
- inherit authority

Salvation is by grace. **Rulership is a calling, a prize, and a cost.**

The Prize of the High Calling

Paul speaks plainly:

“I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 3:14

Not all are mature. Not all overcome.

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Salvation by grace secures our acceptance before God, but it does not automatically prepare us for rulership. **Forgiveness** restores relationship; it does not **instantly** produce **maturity**. The throne is not granted on the basis of pardon alone, but entrusted to those in whom Christ’s life has been formed through obedience, endurance, and transformation. Grace saves freely, yet the authority of the Kingdom is shared with those who have learned to live under Christ’s Lordship.

PERFECTED in Greek is “*Teleioo*.” To complete, accomplish, carry through to an end, bring to a successful conclusion, reach a goal, fulfill – bringing to maturity.

* Born again people are **children** of God (John 1:12-13).

* Overcomers are **sons** of God (Rom. 8:19).

But **all are invited**.

“To him who overcomes... I will give power over the nations.”
Rev. 2:26

“I will grant him to sit with Me on My throne.” Rev. 3:21

Suffering and Reigning

VERY IMPORTANT: *“If we share His sufferings, we shall also share His glory.”* Rom. 8:17

Suffering does not earn authority, but it **prepares the vessel**. Those unwilling to be shaped by the Cross cannot be trusted with the crown.

Creation waits for sons whose obedience has been proven under pressure.

The Threefold Work of God

Justification – Spirit (Passover)

Your spirit is restored and united with Christ. The Seed of God is implanted (1 Pet. 1:23).

Sanctification – Soul (Pentecost)

Your soul is restored through truth and obedience. Christ is formed within (Gal. 4:19).

Glorification – Body (Tabernacles)

Christ is revealed through you. Sonship becomes visible (Rom. 8:18–25).

Summary

This unveiling of sons does not occur in isolation, nor does it bypass the hidden work of God in the inner life. Long before authority is expressed outwardly, it is established inwardly through obedience, submission, and the quiet surrender of self-rule. The sons God reveals are not those who have mastered religious language or outward ministry, but those whose lives have been inwardly governed by Christ. Their authority is not asserted; it is recognized, first in the spirit realm, and eventually in the earth itself.

For this reason, the formation of sons often takes place away from public view, in seasons where faith is tested and motives are purified. God allows pressure not to destroy, but to refine, until the life of Christ rises unobstructed within His people. When these sons are finally revealed, it will not be as a sudden novelty, but as the natural unveiling of a life long governed by the King. What creation awaits is not power displayed, but Christ expressed through mature sons who have learned to reign first within.

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The **glorification of Christ** in us is never the starting point, but the **outcome**. Before His life can be revealed through us, His **authority must first** be established within us. The Lordship of Christ is the quiet, inward surrender of the will, where **self-rule** yields to **His governance** in spirit, soul, and body. Only where Christ is truly Lord can His glory safely be manifested, for **glory without Lordship** would **exalt man**, but glory that flows from Lordship reveals Christ alone.

Study Questions

1. What is God's primary work in this age?

2. What does creation await?

3. Why must restoration come through man?

4. What do Daniel's beasts symbolize?

5. Who will rule with Christ?

6. What is the difference between the multitude and overcomers?

7. Is salvation the same as rulership?

8. Why is suffering linked to reigning?

9. What feast represents glorification?

10. What defines sonship?

Study Answers

1. Calling out a people for His Name (nature).
2. The revealing of mature sons of God.
3. Because disorder entered creation through man.
4. Unredeemed nature opposing God's rule.
5. The overcomers.
6. Standing before the throne vs. reigning on it.
7. No, salvation is grace; rulership is a calling.
8. It prepares character for authority.
9. The Feast of Tabernacles.
10. Christ fully formed and revealed in a believer.