

THE PROPHETIC WORD

Part Two

GAINING A FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONCEPT:

"THE FAMILY OF GOD"

(God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, and the Children of God)



**"FATHER...I DO NOT PRAY FOR THESE ALONE,
BUT ALSO FOR THOSE WHO WILL BELIEVE IN ME
THROUGH THEIR WORD;
THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE,
AS YOU, FATHER, ARE IN ME, AND I IN YOU...
THAT THEY MAY BE ONE JUST AS WE ARE ONE..."** John 17:20-23

(This newsletter is the second part of a teaching about understanding "the Family of God". Part One can be found under the February 2021 Newsletter.)

The "Family of God" consists of a threefold Godhead manifesting itself in Heaven. It consists of Father God, the Son of God, and God the Holy Spirit. They are indeed all "God," but they are not coequal as commonly presented. The scripture says otherwise. The "Family of God" also includes earthly believers that are adopted into the Family of God by means of the new birth. God, through His Son, has adopted us as "children of God" in order to expand His family. However, this does not mean that all "Children of God" have now become "Gods" like the Triune Godhead. It simply means that God has adopted us as His children. It is the error of cultic Mormonism that rather believes man can ascend to the status of Godhood.

Jesus prays above that "they may be one just as we are one." How is God "one"? This is an important question to ask for our answer will determine how well we are able to interact with Father God and His Son. The proper "oneness of God" to which each of us are called is to become "one just as We (Father and Son) are one." Such "oneness" means we become:

"ONENESS IN UNITY, ONENESS IN PURPOSE, ONENESS IN AGREEMENT"

A careful contemplation of the scriptures pertaining to the "oneness of God" to which we are called cannot be fulfilled by embracing a mystical form of "physical oneness" such as God being a "3-in-1" God ("only one God, but who can appear in three forms.") Paul did not present in any of his epistles such a mystical/mystery image of God. That form of "oneness" is the cherished tradition of men handed down from the third and fifth century of tradition-based Catholicism (see Feb. 2021 newsletter) This form of a mystical/mystery trinity is not how "God is one", nor can this false concept teach us how "we can be one" as the Father and the Son are one. This perception of God is the product of cherished tradition birthed by Catholicism in the 3rd and 5th Century and later on adopted by Protestantism in the 16th Century. Such false concepts are only capable of "making the Word of God of no effect" (Mark 7:13). Here is a synopsis of what Catholicism and much of Protestantism endorse as God's "oneness":



CATHOLICISM

**"WE WORSHIP ONE GOD IN TRINITY...
THE FATHER IS GOD, THE SON IS GOD, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD;
AND YET THEY ARE NOT THREE GODS, BUT ONE GOD...
NONE IS GREATER OR LESS THAN ANOTHER...
THE WHOLE THREE PERSONS ARE COEQUAL"**

"THE TRINITY"

(one egg 3 parts)



"3-IN-1 GOD"

(the Constantine Creed of Catholicism 3rd Century and the Athanasius Creed of Catholicism 5th Century)

Rather than scriptural support for Catholicism's 3rd and 5th Century "3-in-1" mystical image of God, we find illuminating passages like the one below from the apostle John bearing witness to what constitutes the true meaning of passages like "these three are one." John does not portray "one (physical) God" existing in heaven, but rather plainly reveals that there are three physical Divine personages that bear witness in Heaven as well as upon earth.

Not only does this passage from John's epistle declare literally that there are three Divine persons in Heaven, but it also states that on earth "these three agree as one", or that "these three agree-are in unison; that their testimony coincides with one another" (Amp.) Therefore the "oneness of God" spoken of in scripture is not describing a "physical oneness" that comprises the image of God, but rather speaks of a state of unity and agreement between the three individual Divine personages that comprise the Triune Godhead:

THREE THAT BEAR WITNESS IN HEAVEN:

"...THERE ARE THREE THAT BEAR WITNESS IN HEAVEN: THE FATHER, THE WORD, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT; AND THESE THREE ARE ONE. AND THERE ARE THREE THAT BEAR WITNESS ON EARTH: THE SPIRIT, THE WATER, AND THE BLOOD; AND THESE THREE AGREE AS ONE."

1 John 5:7-8



"SO THERE ARE THREE WITNESSES IN HEAVEN: THE FATHER, THE WORD AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND THESE THREE ARE ONE; AND THERE ARE THREE WITNESSES ON THE EARTH: THE SPIRIT, THE WATER, AND THE BLOOD; AND THESE THREE AGREE ARE IN UNISON; THEIR TESTIMONY COINCIDES"

1 John 5:7-8 Amplified

THREE THAT BEAR WITNESS ON THE EARTH:



In the February 2021 newsletter (Part 1), I depicted nearly every image recorded in Scripture pertaining to visions of God in Heaven as well as several descriptive "word pictures" from Paul's epistle to the Hebrews that depict what we can expect to see with our own eyes when we get to Heaven. God is consistently presented in all glimpses into Heaven or in word descriptions as a visible plural Godhead. In Genesis, Isaiah, Daniel, Acts, Hebrews and Revelation we are given a consistent portrayal of the Godhead functioning and interacting with one another as a plural Godhead consisting of "the Ancient of Days," God the Father and of "the Son of God" shown being in the very presence of the Father. Also we find various accounts of the third person of the Godhead referred to as "The Spirit of God" who is "before the Throne", but never shown "sitting on a throne." This is because the three persons of the Triune Godhead are truly all "God" but they are not as Catholicism portrays, "all co-equal." The Godhead of scripture is a picture of Divine submission in which God the Father is the greatest, followed by God His Son, followed by the Holy Spirit. Never are we shown in scripture the single image of "one God" sitting on "one Throne" as we are told by so many who teach God's Word, that this is what you will see when you get to Heaven. What you will see is what has been shown to us already! It is a plural Godhead consisting of God the Father on His throne, God His Son standing or sitting on His own throne, and God the Holy Spirit shown before the thrones of the Father and the Son.

If you have not yet read Part 1 of this series I suggest you take the time to examine carefully all of those recorded descriptions about Heaven for indeed, "what you see is what you get."

"WE WORSHIP
ONE GOD
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THE FATHER IS GOD,
THE SON IS GOD,
THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD.
THEY ARE NOT THREE GODS,
BUT ONE GOD.
NONE IS
GREATER OR LESSER
THAN ANOTHER...
THE WHOLE
THREE PERSONS
ARE COEQUAL
IN POSITION
AND IN AUTHORITY"

~ TRADITION ~
OF MEN



"HE SAID TO THEM,
'ALL TOO WELL

YOU REJECT THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD,
THAT YOU MAY KEEP YOUR TRADITION.

...MAKING THE WORD OF GOD OF NO EFFECT THROUGH YOUR TRADITION
WHICH YOU HAVE HANDED DOWN. AND MANY SUCH THINGS YOU DO."

Mark 7:9-13

~ TRUTH ~
THE WORD OF GOD

"WE WORSHIP A
TRIUNE GODHEAD,
A DIVINE ETERNAL
FAMILY CONSISTING OF
GOD THE FATHER,
GOD THE SON,
GOD THE SPIRIT.
...A DIVINE FAMILY
OF THREE FUNCTIONING
IN PERFECT ONENESS
OF AGREEMENT WITH
ONE ANOTHER.
ALTHOUGH ALL ARE
DIVINE PERSONAGES,
THEY ARE NOT COEQUAL
IN POSITION AND
IN AUTHORITY"

Jesus warns the Jews above about the inherent danger of replacing the truth contained in God's Word with the cherished traditions of men. The present day church is also in danger of repeating the sin of Israel by replacing real truth with false tradition. If you embrace that cherished traditional view of God as a "3-in-1" image, then I fear you are never going to understand your role as "Children of God" on earth who have been "adopted into the heavenly Family of God." Without the Divine threefold image of the Family of God, the "Children of God" will not have proper "parental guidance" to teach them the how to live.

The existence of the Triune Godhead (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) is indeed the true teaching of the Scriptures rather than the "Trinity" of one God in three persons as commonly taught today by most Protestant theologians. The true "oneness of God" speaks of a triune Godhead that is in perfect and complete unity with one another. Therefore the Father does not manifest Himself as the Son or as the Holy Spirit! It is not one God manifesting Himself in three identities, but rather three individual personages comprising a Godhead that functions in complete oneness of unity and purpose. The prayer Jesus utters for us as believers, "That they may be one as we are one" (Jn.17:11) makes no sense if the "oneness" of which Jesus speaks refers to a "three-in-one" God. Can we become that kind of oneness? Hardly! However, can we become one in unity and harmony with our will as was Jesus with submission to His Father's will? Yes we can!

Dear reader, it is quite ludicrous to think that when God the Father spoke from heaven saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" (Matt. 17:5), that He was in essence saying, "This is (Me in the role of) My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear (Me) as I speak (as) Him"? If we are indeed to embrace a literal three-in-one God, then that is what is being conveyed! How is this concept able to make us "one as He is one" with the Father?

In addition, we would have to believe that Jesus, in stating of the Father (which He would really be saying of Himself) things like, "The Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does" (Jn. 5:20). Think about it dear saint! If the Father and the Son are one and the same God, this phrase has no real meaning for us! It would also be meaningless for Jesus to teach us, "I do not seek My own will, but the will of the Father who sent Me" (Jn. 5:30), if indeed the Son is in reality the Father! If He is the Father as well as the Son, then of course He would do His will-they are one and the same! Rather, the real lesson being conveyed is that we are being presented with **TWO WILLS** of two different members of the Godhead that are functioning together in perfect **UNITY** and **ONENESS** with one another! Jesus is teaching His disciples how they too can function in unity and oneness! It is a meaningless illustration if the Father and the Son are really one and the same person.

Take time, perhaps a lot of time, to ponder the depth of the scriptures below. This is the core essence of what constitutes what Paul identifies as "the whole Family of God in Heaven and on earth" (Eph. 3:20). It is the complete picture of the Triune Godhead of three Divine personages, God the Father, God His Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Together they comprise "the Family of God in Heaven." However, you will see that there is another manifestation of the "Family of God" which abides on earth. It is comprised of believers that have been adopted into the Family of God by means of the new birth. The fact that this segment of the Family of God exists is proof-positive that it was created by the Divine Family of God in Heaven. God the Father sent His Son to earth to create an extension and expansion of the Family of God! The Divine Family of God has adopted us as "Children of God!"

Think about it: It took the always-existent Divine Family of God of eternity past to create an expansion of that family on earth. The destiny of "the Family of God" will be manifested for all eternity to come! This was God the Father's plan from the beginning to (1) reveal Himself as "our Heavenly Father" and (2) to create an earthly extension of His family on earth:

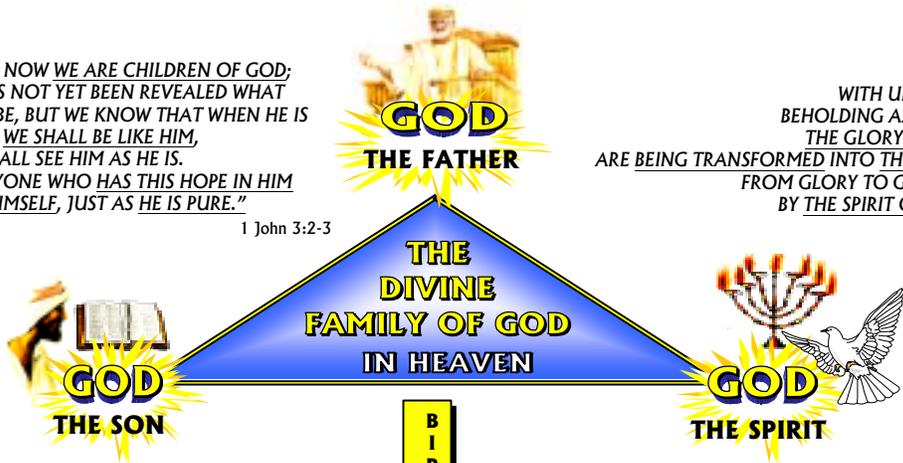
*"BUT YOU RECEIVED THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION BY WHOM WE CRY OUT, "ABBA, FATHER." THE SPIRIT HIMSELF BEARS WITNESS WITH OUR SPIRIT THAT WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD, AND IF CHILDREN, THEN HEIRS -- HEIRS OF GOD AND JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST, IF INDEED WE SUFFER WITH HIM, THAT WE MAY ALSO BE GLORIFIED TOGETHER. FOR I CONSIDER THAT THE SUFFERINGS OF THIS PRESENT TIME ARE NOT WORTHY TO BE COMPARED WITH THE GLORY WHICH SHALL BE REVEALED IN US. FOR THE EARNEST EXPECTATION OF THE CREATION EAGERLY WAITS FOR THE REVEALING OF THE SONS OF GOD...
 ...AND WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THOSE WHO LOVE GOD, TO THOSE WHO ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE. FOR WHOM HE FOREKNEW, HE ALSO PREDESTINED TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON, THAT HE MIGHT BE THE FIRSTBORN AMONG MANY BRETHREN."* Rom 8:15-30

"BELOVED, NOW WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD; AND IT HAS NOT YET BEEN REVEALED WHAT WE SHALL BE, BUT WE KNOW THAT WHEN HE IS REVEALED, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM, FOR WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS. AND EVERYONE WHO HAS THIS HOPE IN HIM PURIFIES HIMSELF, JUST AS HE IS PURE."

1 John 3:2-3

"BUT WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE, BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, JUST AS BY THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD."

2 Cor 3:18



Jesus prays to the Father for the family on earth:

"AND NOW, O FATHER, GLORIFY ME TOGETHER WITH YOURSELF, WITH THE GLORY WHICH I HAD WITH YOU BEFORE THE WORLD WAS. I HAVE MANIFESTED YOUR NAME TO THE MEN WHOM YOU HAVE GIVEN ME OUT OF THE WORLD..."

FATHER... I DO NOT PRAY FOR THESE ALONE, BUT ALSO FOR THOSE WHO WILL BELIEVE IN ME THROUGH THEIR WORD; THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE, AS YOU, FATHER, ARE IN ME, AND I IN YOU... THAT THEY MAY BE ONE JUST AS WE ARE ONE..."

John 17:20-23



"the Children of God"



Paul prays to the Father for the family on earth:

"FOR THIS REASON I BOW MY KNEES TO THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, FROM WHOM THE WHOLE FAMILY IN HEAVEN AND EARTH IS NAMED, THAT HE WOULD GRANT YOU, ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY, TO BE STRENGTHENED WITH MIGHT THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN THE INNER MAN, THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH, THAT YOU, BEING ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE, MAY BE ABLE TO COMPREHEND WITH ALL THE SAINTS WHAT IS THE WIDTH AND LENGTH AND DEPTH AND HEIGHT -- TO KNOW THE LOVE OF CHRIST WHICH PASSES KNOWLEDGE; THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD."

Eph. 3:14-20

I draw your attention to the end of the two prayers uttered by Jesus and Paul from the previous page for all believers on earth:



Jesus

**"...THAT
THEY MAY BE ONE
JUST
AS WE ARE ONE.."**
John 17:20-23

**"...THAT
YOU MAY BE FILLED
WITH ALL
THE FULLNESS OF GOD."**
Eph.3:20



Paul

Dear saint,
do you want to be found
"one, just as God your Father and His Son are one"?
Do you want to become
filled with all the "fullness of God"?

If we are going to inherit this prayer of Jesus in our lives then we are going to need to embrace the true concept of the "oneness of God" and reject the widespread subtle substitute of a mysterious 3-in-1 "Trinity" as best representing who God is. The "oneness of God" speaks of the bond of oneness of unity, oneness of purpose and oneness of agreement that exists among all three members of the Divine Godhead. It is to this "oneness" that we, as the adopted "Children of God", are called to follow the Divine pattern set by Jesus, God's Son and the Holy Spirit. The example we see set by the Divine Family of Father, Son and Holy Spirit are meant to be patterns for the Children of God as part of that family to follow.

There are ample passages of scripture that reveal the "fullness of God" at work on behalf of the Children of God. Here are several passages that only make sense when applied to a Triune Godhead working together on behalf of the believer:

"...FOR THROUGH HIM (the Son) **WE** (Children) **BOTH HAVE ACCESS BY ONE SPIRIT TO THE FATHER.**" Eph 2:18

The content of the above verse is rendered meaningless if the Son and the Spirit as well as the Father are really all the one and same God. This verse can only be seen as a practical example for us to follow if we see that it is as the whole Godhead of Father, Son and Spirit that is at work to bring us into the presence of the Father. Even more so, do we see how important Jesus, the Son of God, is as the only way to access God the Father:

"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT BY ME." John 14:6

Take time to ponder the verses below. Jesus certainly presents each member of the Triune Godhead as individual members with individual ministries. Notice Jesus says "**WE** (the Father and the Son) will make **OUR** home within you." If the Father and the Son are "one God" would He use terms such as "**WE** and **OUR**" to describe what it means to have God abiding in you?

"JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID TO HIM, "IF ANYONE LOVES ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORD; AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL COME TO HIM AND MAKE OUR HOME WITH HIM. HE WHO DOES NOT LOVE ME DOES NOT KEEP MY WORDS; AND THE WORD WHICH YOU HEAR IS NOT MINE BUT THE FATHER'S WHO SENT ME... BUT THE HELPER, THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND IN MY NAME, HE WILL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS, AND BRING TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE ALL THINGS THAT I SAID TO YOU." Jn. 14:23-26

Paul's prayer further illuminates what that "oneness" Jesus spoke of is all about. We, as the Children of God adopted into the Divine Family, must choose to come under the true "fullness of God" as represented by a Triune Godhead of God the Father, His Son the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit of God sent by Jesus.

We cannot grasp that concept of the "fullness of God" apart from embracing a Triune Godhead. A false "3-in-1" Trinity concept of God is a diversion that will not lead us to the meaning of the "fullness of God" as found in the scriptures, but is rather a subtle substitute to divert the "Children of God" away from true "oneness" and truth that constitutes the "fullness of God."

ACTS OF SUBMISSION BY THE DIVINE GODHEAD

"I CAN OF MYSELF DO NOTHING. AS I HEAR, I JUDGE; AND MY JUDGMENT IS RIGHTEOUS, BECAUSE I DO NOT SEEK MY OWN WILL BUT THE WILL OF THE FATHER WHO SENT ME."
Jn. 5:30

HE WENT A LITTLE FARTHER, AND FELL ON THE GROUND, AND PRAYED THAT IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, THE HOUR MIGHT PASS FROM HIM. AND HE SAID, "ABBA, FATHER, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE FOR YOU. TAKE THIS CUP AWAY FROM ME; NEVERTHELESS, NOT WHAT I WILL, BUT WHAT YOU WILL."
Mark 14:36

"I AM GOING TO THE FATHER, FOR MY FATHER IS GREATER THAN I."
Jn. 14:28

"A SERVANT IS NOT GREATER THAN HIS MASTER; NOR IS HE WHO IS SENT GREATER THAN HE WHO SENT HIM."
Jn. 13:16

"...I DO NOTHING OF MYSELF; BUT AS MY FATHER TAUGHT ME, I SPEAK THESE THINGS. AND HE WHO SENT ME IS WITH ME. THE FATHER HAS NOT LEFT ME ALONE, FOR I ALWAYS DO THOSE THINGS THAT PLEASE HIM."
Jn. 8:28-29

"BUT WHEN THE HELPER COMES, WHOM I SHALL SEND TO YOU FROM THE FATHER, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER, HE WILL TESTIFY OF ME."
Jn. 15:26

"THEN COMES THE END, WHEN HE (Jesus) DELIVERS THE KINGDOM TO GOD THE FATHER, WHEN HE PUTS AN END TO ALL RULE AND ALL AUTHORITY AND POWER... THE LAST ENEMY THAT WILL BE DESTROYED IS DEATH. FOR "HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET." BUT WHEN HE SAYS "ALL THINGS ARE PUT UNDER HIM," IT IS EVIDENT THAT HE WHO PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIM IS EXCEPTED. NOW WHEN ALL THINGS ARE MADE SUBJECT TO HIM, THEN THE SON HIMSELF WILL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO HIM WHO PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIM, THAT GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL."
1 Cor. 15:23-28

"...I HAVE NOT SPOKEN ON MY OWN AUTHORITY; BUT THE FATHER WHO SENT ME GAVE ME A COMMAND, WHAT I SHOULD SAY AND WHAT I SHOULD SPEAK...WHATEVER I SPEAK, JUST AS THE FATHER HAS TOLD ME, SO I SPEAK."
Jn. 12:49-50

"IT IS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE THAT I GO AWAY; FOR IF I DO NOT GO AWAY, THE HELPER (THE HOLY SPIRIT) WILL NOT COME TO YOU; BUT IF I DEPART, I WILL SEND HIM TO YOU... HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH; FOR HE WILL NOT SPEAK ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY, BUT WHATEVER HE HEARS HE WILL SPEAK; AND HE WILL TELL YOU OF THINGS TO COME. HE WILL GLORIFY ME, FOR HE WILL TAKE WHAT IS MINE AND DECLARE IT TO YOU. ALL THINGS THAT THE FATHER HAS ARE MINE. THEREFORE I SAID THAT HE WILL TAKE OF MINE AND DECLARE IT TO YOU."
Jn. 16:7-15

The above is a fair dose of what the scriptures record of the acts of submission between the members of the Triune Godhead. Obviously, we can see that Jesus is very submitted to God the Father in all aspects. Look carefully and you will see Jesus speaks of the same level of submission of the Holy Spirit to Jesus the Son. The principle of submission is based on:

"...NOR IS HE WHO IS SENT GREATER THAN HE WHO SENT HIM." Jn. 13:16

It is a known fact that God the Father sent His Son into the world (Jn. 3:16). The Son came to reveal the Father to the world (Jn. 17:3). The main message of Jesus in the gospel of John is that of the Father. In fact, that phrase, "the Father" appears 129 times in the gospel of John. Every page is permeated with Jesus talking about the Father. Take a pen and circle every time Jesus uses the words "the Father" in John and you will see what I mean. He had no other message. That is why Jesus said, "For the Father is greater than I" (Jn. 14:28) and in another place said, "Nor is He who is sent greater than He who sent Him" (Jn.13:16)

This principle of submission also governs the Holy Spirit. It was Jesus who sent the Holy Spirit and that is why we see above that the Holy Spirit "does not speak of Himself, but rather glorifies the Son" (Jn.16:7-17). As the Son of God is totally submitted to the Father, the Holy Spirit is totally submitted to Jesus the Son.

All of this emphasis upon submission within the Triune Godhead is recorded as a Divine pattern for the adopted Children of God" (you and me). Guess who is at the bottom rung of the submission ladder? It is "the Children of God" who are to submit to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who in turn is submitted to Jesus the Son, who is submitted to God the Father! Welcome to the "Family of God"!

ACTS OF NEEDFUL SUBMISSION BY THE CHILDREN OF GOD

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**"OUR FATHER
IN HEAVEN,
HALLOWED BE YOUR
NAME.
YOUR KINGDOM COME.
YOUR WILL BE DONE
ON EARTH AS
IT IS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR
DAILY BREAD.
AND FORGIVE US OUR
DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE
OUR DEBTORS.
AND DO NOT LEAD US
INTO TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER US FROM
THE EVIL ONE.
FOR YOURS IS
THE KINGDOM,
AND THE POWER,
AND
THE GLORY FOREVER.
AMEN."**

Matt 6:8-13

**"BUT WE ALL,
WITH UNVEILED FACE,
BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR
THE GLORY OF THE LORD,
ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO
THE SAME IMAGE
FROM GLORY TO GLORY,
JUST AS BY THE SPIRIT
OF THE LORD."**

2 Cor. 3:18

**"HE WHO HAS AN EAR,
LET HIM HEAR WHAT
THE SPIRIT SAYS
TO THE CHURCHES."**

Rev. 3:22

**"FOR AS MANY
AS ARE LED BY
THE SPIRIT OF GOD,
THESE ARE SONS OF GOD."**

Rom 8:14-15

**"NOW WE HAVE RECEIVED, NOT THE SPIRIT OF THE WORLD, BUT THE SPIRIT WHO IS FROM GOD,
THAT WE MIGHT KNOW THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN FREELY GIVEN TO US BY GOD.
THESE THINGS WE ALSO SPEAK, NOT IN WORDS WHICH MAN'S WISDOM TEACHES BUT WHICH
THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES, COMPARING SPIRITUAL THINGS WITH SPIRITUAL."**

1 Cor 2:12-14

Again, I give you above a fair dose of the kind of scriptures that permeate the New Testament writings and prayers of Jesus the Son of God and of the apostles of the Lord that contain needful direction, inspiration, and exhortation to the adopted Children of God on earth.

In closing, let us consider these flowing thoughts from the heart of the apostle Paul written to all of God's Children on earth who aspire to become "one as We (the Godhead) are one." →

**"...I BOW MY KNEES
TO THE FATHER
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
FROM WHOM THE WHOLE
FAMILY IN HEAVEN AND EARTH
IS NAMED, THAT HE WOULD
GRANT YOU, ACCORDING TO
THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY, TO
BE STRENGTHENED WITH MIGHT
THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN THE
INNER MAN, THAT CHRIST MAY
DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS
THROUGH FAITH; THAT YOU,
BEING ROOTED AND GROUNDED
IN LOVE, MAY BE ABLE TO
COMPREHEND WITH ALL THE
SAINTS WHAT IS THE WIDTH
AND LENGTH AND DEPTH AND
HEIGHT -- TO KNOW THE LOVE
OF CHRIST WHICH PASSES
KNOWLEDGE; THAT YOU MAY BE
FILLED WITH ALL THE FULLNESS
OF GOD. NOW TO HIM WHO IS
ABLE TO DO EXCEEDINGLY
ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT
WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING
TO THE POWER THAT WORKS IN
US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE
CHURCH BY CHRIST JESUS TO
ALL GENERATIONS,
FOREVER AND EVER.
AMEN."**

Eph. 3:15-21

**"AND WE KNOW
THAT ALL THINGS
WORK TOGETHER
FOR GOOD TO THOSE WHO
LOVE GOD,
TO THOSE WHO ARE
THE CALLED ACCORDING
TO HIS PURPOSE.
FOR WHOM HE FOREKNEW,
HE ALSO PREDESTINED
TO BE CONFORMED TO
THE IMAGE OF HIS SON,
THAT HE MIGHT BE
THE FIRSTBORN AMONG
MANY BRETHREN."**

Rom. 8:28-29

**"LIKewise THE SPIRIT ALSO HELPS IN OUR WEAKNESSES.
FOR WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT WE SHOULD PRAY FOR AS WE OUGHT, BUT
THE SPIRIT HIMSELF MAKES INTERCESSION FOR US ...NOW HE WHO SEARCHES
THE HEARTS KNOWS WHAT THE MIND OF THE SPIRIT IS, BECAUSE
HE MAKES INTERCESSION FOR THE SAINTS ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD."**

Rom 8:26-27

**"...HOLY FATHER,
KEEP THROUGH
YOUR NAME THOSE
WHOM YOU HAVE
GIVEN ME,
THAT THEY MAY
BE ONE AS WE ARE ONE.**

**...I DO NOT PRAY THAT YOU SHOULD
TAKE THEM OUT OF THE WORLD,
BUT THAT YOU SHOULD KEEP THEM
FROM THE EVIL ONE.**

**I DO NOT PRAY FOR THESE ALONE,
BUT ALSO FOR THOSE WHO WILL BELIEVE
IN ME THROUGH THEIR WORD;
THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE, AS YOU,
FATHER, ARE IN ME, AND I IN YOU;
THAT THEY ALSO MAY BE ONE IN US,
...THAT THEY MAY BE ONE JUST AS WE
ARE ONE: I IN THEM, AND YOU IN ME;**

**THAT THEY MAY BE
MADE PERFECT IN ONE...
O RIGHTEOUS FATHER!
THE WORLD HAS NOT KNOWN YOU,
BUT I HAVE KNOWN YOU;
AND THESE HAVE KNOWN THAT YOU
SENT ME. AND I HAVE DECLARED TO
THEM YOUR NAME, AND WILL DECLARE
IT, THAT THE LOVE WITH WHICH YOU
LOVED ME MAY BE IN THEM,
AND I IN THEM."**

Jn. 17:6-26 excerpts

**"...TILL WE ALL COME TO
THE UNITY OF THE FAITH
AND OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF
THE SON OF GOD, TO A PERFECT MAN,
TO THE MEASURE OF THE STATURE OF
THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST;
THAT WE SHOULD
NO LONGER BE CHILDREN,
TOSSED TO AND FRO AND CARRIED
ABOUT WITH EVERY WIND OF
DOCTRINE...
BUT, SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE,
MAY GROW UP
IN ALL THINGS INTO HIM
WHO IS THE HEAD -- CHRIST ..."**

Eph 4:13-16

"LET US LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, AND THE SIN WHICH SO EASILY ENSNARES US, AND LET US RUN WITH ENDURANCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US, LOOKING UNTO JESUS, THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH, WHO FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS, DESPISING THE SHAME, AND HAS SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD.

FOR CONSIDER HIM WHO ENDURED SUCH HOSTILITY FROM SINNERS AGAINST HIMSELF, LEST YOU BECOME WEARY AND DISCOURAGED IN YOUR SOULS. YOU HAVE NOT YET RESISTED TO BLOODSHED, STRIVING AGAINST SIN AND YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN THE EXHORTATION WHICH SPEAKS TO YOU AS TO SONS:

"MY SON, DO NOT DESPISE THE CHASTENING OF THE LORD, NOR BE DISCOURAGED WHEN YOU ARE REBUKED BY HIM; FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE CHASTENS, AND SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

IF YOU ENDURE CHASTENING, GOD DEALS WITH YOU AS WITH SONS; FOR WHAT SON IS THERE WHOM A FATHER DOES NOT CHASTEN? BUT IF YOU ARE WITHOUT CHASTENING, OF WHICH ALL HAVE BECOME PARTAKERS, THEN YOU ARE ILLEGITIMATE AND NOT SONS. FURTHERMORE, WE HAVE HAD HUMAN FATHERS WHO CORRECTED US, AND WE PAID THEM RESPECT. SHALL WE NOT MUCH MORE READILY BE IN SUBJECTION TO THE FATHER OF SPIRITS AND LIVE? FOR THEY INDEED FOR A FEW DAYS CHASTENED US AS SEEMED BEST TO THEM, BUT HE FOR OUR PROFIT, THAT WE MAY BE PARTAKERS OF HIS HOLINESS. NOW NO CHASTENING SEEMS TO BE JOYFUL FOR THE PRESENT, BUT PAINFUL; NEVERTHELESS, AFTERWARD IT YIELDS THE PEACEABLE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED BY IT.

THEREFORE STRENGTHEN THE HANDS WHICH HANG DOWN, AND THE FEEBLE KNEES, AND MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS FOR YOUR FEET, SO THAT WHAT IS LAME MAY NOT BE DISLOCATED, BUT RATHER BE HEALED.

PURSUPE PEACE WITH ALL PEOPLE, AND HOLINESS, WITHOUT WHICH NO ONE WILL SEE THE LORD: LOOKING CAREFULLY LEST ANYONE FALL SHORT OF THE GRACE OF GOD; LEST ANY ROOT OF BITTERNESS SPRINGING UP CAUSE TROUBLE, AND BY THIS MANY BECOME DEFILED; LEST THERE BE ANY FORNICATOR OR PROFANE PERSON LIKE ESAU, WHO FOR ONE MORSEL OF FOOD SOLD HIS BIRTHRIGHT. FOR YOU KNOW THAT AFTERWARD, WHEN HE WANTED TO INHERIT THE BLESSING, HE WAS REJECTED, FOR HE FOUND NO PLACE FOR REPENTANCE, THOUGH HE SOUGHT IT DILIGENTLY WITH TEARS...

BUT YOU HAVE COME TO MOUNT ZION AND TO THE CITY OF THE LIVING GOD, THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM, TO AN INNUMERABLE COMPANY OF ANGELS, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CHURCH OF THE FIRSTBORN WHO ARE REGISTERED IN HEAVEN, TO GOD THE JUDGE OF ALL, TO THE SPIRITS OF JUST MEN MADE PERFECT, TO JESUS THE MEDIATOR OF THE NEW COVENANT...

SEE THAT YOU DO NOT REFUSE HIM WHO SPEAKS. FOR IF THEY DID NOT ESCAPE WHO REFUSED HIM WHO SPOKE ON EARTH, MUCH MORE SHALL WE NOT ESCAPE IF WE TURN AWAY FROM HIM WHO SPEAKS FROM HEAVEN, WHOSE VOICE THEN SHOOK THE EARTH; BUT NOW HE HAS PROMISED, SAYING, "YET ONCE MORE I SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO HEAVEN." NOW THIS, "YET ONCE MORE," INDICATES THE REMOVAL OF THOSE THINGS THAT ARE BEING SHAKEN, AS OF THINGS THAT ARE MADE, THAT THE THINGS WHICH CANNOT BE SHAKEN MAY REMAIN.

THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE RECEIVING A KINGDOM WHICH CANNOT BE SHAKEN, LET US HAVE GRACE, BY WHICH WE MAY SERVE GOD ACCEPTABLY WITH REVERENCE AND GODLY FEAR. FOR OUR GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE."

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