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This is the last resource in this series for identity on sonship and in the next resource we will look at what it is to be and become a bondservant or a slave of Christ in the area of identity.

For this last resource on sonship I want us to have a look at what it is to be the kind of sons that all of creation is longing to be revealed.

Romans 8:19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

Who are these sons of God that the creation waits to be revealed? They are the sons who Jesus is not ashamed to call His brothers. They are the called out ones who live a called out life. These sons live a life worthy of the heavenly calling of God, for they know and are living out this calling on earth.

They are sons who only have one thing on their hearts and minds, just like the Son of God did. To glorify their Father through the accomplishing of their Father's will by the divine empowerment of grace. They are sons who have lost all of their lives for this singular purpose. They are the sons who are able to lay their lives down through a choice of their will and not pick them up again.

They are the sons who are the reflection and expression of their Messiah, and they are powerful in word and deed. They are the sons whose lives are hidden in Christ, who have their minds set on the things above, firmly fixing their eyes on the author and the perfecter of faith.

These are the sons who are in fellowship with the Father and Son, who share this exact oneness with one another. They are exiles and strangers to this earth, its ways and the people of this earth, even though they are living on earth. They do not consider this earth their home but the place they serve and minister. They live their lives from the unseen eternal dimension and do not walk by natural sight but by faith and have learnt to have the senses trained to discern the difference between good and evil, or in other words, what is of the temporal and what is of the eternal.

These sons are persecuted for righteousness, but consider this persecution a joy and all part of living with and for Christ. They are unknown to the world while being fully known by the Father. They are known and loved by the Father and in turn they know and love the Father. They know there is nothing and no one that can separate them from the Father, hence they have become more than conquerors in Christ.

They are not people of position, title or reputation. They do not have their foundation or their lives in the manmade systems of temple worship. They do not look to appease man or look for the affirmation or favour of man, because they have been completely freed from man. They entrust their heart to their Father and know what it is to trust others.

These sons truly love their neighbour with the love of the Father and are forever being perfected within that love, walking in the manner in which Jesus walked. The passage below depicts the sons of God I am describing in this resource.

1 John 2:3-6 By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;



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but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

QUESTIONS

1. What are your initial thoughts in relation to these kind of sons?
2. How much of this description of sonship do you personally relate to?
3. Why is divine grace (God's empowerment) so critical in seeing these sons come to fruition?
4. Do you believe this can be you and those within your group and why?

ACTION POINT: What action point do we need to take away from tonight?