



SPIRITUAL FAMILY

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PART 2 - SPIRITUAL BLOODLINES

In the first resource we talked about how Jesus defines who His spiritual family is. We shared about the difference between those who just believe or mentally agree in God, compared to those who are becoming children or sons of God, who are wholeheartedly abandoned, surrendered and committed to accomplishing the will of God through God's divine empowerment or grace.

This is how Jesus defined who His spiritual family was, "those who do His Father's will." For this to become our true reality, we must start from the beginning, His beginning of His predestined plan and purpose for us as His people.

For this I want us to look at 2 passages of Scripture. One in Matthew 1:1-20 and Hebrews 7:1-3,11-17, as these Scriptures describe the same reality - Physical and Spirit (READ).

These passages describe Jesus' physical bloodline and His spiritual line. They describe the natural conception and the spiritual conception and it is all there for us to see and relate to, as we have all been born and conceived of the natural seed, but if we are to be of His seed, and become who He has called us to be as His church, His people, a people of the spirit, we must be born and conceived of the spiritual seed just as He was.

Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."

Natural creation, the world's were conceived by the Holy Spirit activating the Word of God and we are to be no different.

This is why being born of the spirit, or what we would call being born again through receiving the Holy Spirit, is different to just being justified, through receiving John's message of repentance of iniquity and sin. We must be born of His Spirit if we are to enter into and see the kingdom of God - John 3.

Now that we have this firmly established we can see from Hebrews 7, that those who are of His family, which is of the order of Melchizedek, a priestly line, is without father and mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life.

Hebrews 7:1-3 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham as



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he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all the spoils, was first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace. Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually.

As we know from 1 Peter 2, we are called and chosen to be a royal priesthood, living stones which are being fitted together by the Spirit of Truth, who is building us as a family, called His body, the body of Christ. As His spiritual family we are to be just that, His spiritual family. We are to prioritise our Father's will above everything and anything, just as the Son did.

There are to be no excuses or other priorities and passions that get in the way of this. Only those who have truly lost their lives for His sake have the capacity to and are able to actually live this spiritual kind of family life out. Others only give it lip service and continue to prioritise their own lives and the lives of their natural family members above and ahead of their spiritual family.

Attending Sunday or Saturday church services, attending a small group, the giving of one's time and being part of some sort of ministry group, helping the poor, the giving of finances and all the other things which followers may or may not do, isn't the over arching evidence that one is actually living as a spiritual member of His body or family.

We see this reality outworking itself in the Scriptures as is in the case of the 5 virgins, and also those who prophesy, cast out demons, and do miracles, while still not doing the will of God.

The evidence of truly living as a spiritual family member is discovered through who we prioritise in our lives and who we put first in our lives. This of course must be Him for His sake first, and from this living reality and out of the overflow of this reality, then comes other brothers and sisters of the spirit, not the natural or the flesh.

This is a very challenging reality for many in the body today and is a road less travelled, but if we are bold enough and courageous enough, and willing to follow God no matter what, then God will be true to His Word and perform His work in us, so we live out the true reality of being spiritual family.

Are you willing to say yes to this?

QUESTIONS

1. How does what we have just read make you feel?
2. Why do you think it is making you feel like this?



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3. How confronting is this reality for us and why?
4. How much of this living testimony do we have a reference for today?