

THE HEIRS OF GOD

Those who are truly led by the Holy Spirit become the faithful disciples who willingly follow the True Shepherd. These ones will experience every aspect of Psalm 23.

PSA 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

ROM 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Those who are wanton are not living as the sons of God.

ROM 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

As Christian believers we are not bound to anything of the old life. It is sin that causes bondage. Now saved we are free from sin and its bondage. In Christ we have not only received cleansing from sins, but have been given Son-ship by adoption.

ROM 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

ROM 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

God's covenant to the believer never changes; our position as sons in God's kingdom is absolute. We are heirs in His kingdom.

GAL 4:7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Servants usually have no such privileges of inheritance.

GAL 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

GAL 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

READ: **John 15:1-8**

As sons of God we are expected to behave responsibly and act as sons. This walk of obedience is spoken of as "abiding in Christ."

JN 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you.. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

JN 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for **without me ye can do nothing.**

The true sons of God are the fruit bearers in His vineyard.

JN 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, **that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.**

The fruit bearers are known as true disciples or bloodline sons. As joint-heirs with Christ we should engage ourselves in God's work and multiply or give new birth (spiritual life) to increase the Kingdom of God.

JN 15:14 Ye are **my friends**, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

JN 15:15 "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but **I have called you friends**; for all things that I have heard of my Father **I have made known unto you.**"

Servants are not told what is in God's mind, but as friends of Christ we oft times share the secret things of God by revelation.

Friends are usually a blessing. Blessing is that which is usually added or given to you. A true friend will add something to your life. Those who continually take your blessing are not usually considered as friends.

Friendship with Christ will always add something of the heavenly realm to your life.