

Getting on the right ship

IN THOSE DAYS JESUS CAME FROM NAZARETH IN GALILEE AND WAS BAPTIZED BY JOHN IN THE JORDAN. IMMEDIATELY COMING UP OUT OF THE WATER, HE SAW THE HEAVENS OPENING, AND THE SPIRIT LIKE A DOVE DESCENDING UPON HIM; AND A VOICE CAME OUT OF THE HEAVENS: "YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON, IN YOU I AM WELL-PLEASSED." IMMEDIATELY THE SPIRIT *IMPELLED HIM TO GO OUT INTO THE WILDERNESS.

(MAR 1:9-12)

Not orphans

- ▶ "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
- ▶ (Joh 14:16-18)

We are given adopted status

- ▶ But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"
- ▶ (Gal 4:4-6)

No longer a slave but a son

- ▶ For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.
- ▶ (Rom 8:14-17)
- ▶ Gal:5-18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

Reproducing after our kind

- ▶ "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.
- ▶ (Joh 15:4-9)

Will this be what He says of you.

- ▶ For when He received honour and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"
- ▶ (2Pe 1:17)