

# Sons of God

The Spirit of Life - Week 3 (10-28-23)

John 1:6-13

## I. Intimacy

A. Intimate = Marked by very close association, contact, or familiarity

1. Our culture has a very limited understanding of true intimacy.

B. 2 Corin. 3:14

1. The Holy Spirit longs and thirsts for our attention and fellowship

a) Who are the first people you want to share really exciting news with?

(1) Those are the people that you trust and have experienced some level of intimacy with.

b) Human relationships are important but are very limited by each person's ability to communicate, experiences, perspectives, biases, etc.

(1) With God and the Holy Spirit, there is absolutely nothing to get in the way of intimacy except for a hard heart. It is a spirit-to-spirit connection and nothing in between to "muddy the waters." He knows our hearts perfectly!

C. 1 Corin. 2:9-16

1. We have been given the Holy Spirit to teach us what is on the heart of God; that we can know what has been provided for us. This is through a direct spirit-to-spirit connection.

a) John 15:15

(1) We can identify as friends and children of God because all of the Godhead is working to show and communicate to us in the most intimate way the heart of the Father.

D. Romans 8:12-15

1. Our intimacy level with God determines our level of freely living.

## II. Security/Assurance

A. Romans 8:15

1. Adoption and intimacy with God is a life vastly different from that of fear and bondage.

a) Expanding intimacy in a relationship expands trust and freedom within that relationship.

2. Hebrews 10:22 and Eph. 3:12

B. 1 Corin. 2:15

1. When we are connected with God through the Holy Spirit as sons and daughters of God we are able to discern both earthly and heavenly matters. We have access to the heart of the Father because He so strongly wants us to know and understand Him.

C. Isaiah 56:1-7

1. Roman adoption

- a) Received new identity and all previous commitments, responsibilities, and debts erased.
- b) Legal heir to the new father. Now joint sharer in all his possessions and fully united to him
- c) The child was hand picked by the adopting parent. The child could NOT be disowned after being adopted.

### III. Authority

#### A. Mark 16:15-20

1. As the children of God we have been made completely new with a new nature, and that nature is to be confident and faith-filled speakers and carriers of the Word of God. Just like Jesus was!
  - a) We are joint heirs with Jesus (Romans 8:17) and have been placed over all authority and power as the body of His authority and power
    - (1) Eph 1:15-23
    - (2) Paul was praying that the Ephesians could know and understand what authority they had been given as children of God.
      - (a) If they needed to know and understand this in order to operate in it, then we do too!