

THE CHRISTIAN BELONGS TO GOD – HE's GOD's CHILD ETERNALLY

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“What? KNOW YE NOT that **YOUR BODY** is the **TEMPLE** of the **HOLY GHOST** which is **IN YOU**,
which **YE HAVE** of **GOD**, and **YE** are **NOT YOUR OWN**?

For **Ye** are **BOUGHT** with a **PRICE**:

THEREFORE GLORIFY GOD in your **BODY**, and in your **SPIRIT**, which are **GOD's**.” I Cor. 6: 19, 20

Because **WE BELONG TO GOD**, and **WE ARE NOT OUR OWN**,

He said, “Therefore **GLORIFY GOD** in your **BODIES** and in your **SPIRIT** which are **GOD's**.” I Cor. 6: 20 b

It's in **GOD's PLAN** and **PURPOSE**, to TAKE our LIFE and USE IT to **HONOR** and **GLORIFY Him**:

To WALK in the **LIGHT** of **GOD's WORD**, and FOLLOW in the STEPS of JESUS.

To be a **LIGHT** in a **DARKENED WORLD**, a **CHRIST LIKE EXAMPLE**,

To BRING **SOULS** into the **KINGDOM** of **GOD**, and

To **TEACH GOD's REDEEMED** in ALL the WAYS of the LORD.

After WE ACCEPT CHRIST as the **SACRIFICE** for our **SINS**, then **WE BELONG TO GOD**.

GOD has **BOUGHT US** with a **PRICE**, the **BLOOD** of His **SON JESUS**, and NOW, **WE ARE HIS!**

After having been **REDEEMED** by the **JESUS' PRECIOUS BLOOD**, WE become **CHILDREN** of **GOD**,

and WE BELONG to the **GOD** of **HEAVEN**, **WE'RE NOT OUR OWN**. In **ISAIAH**, GOD said:

“I'VE REDEEMED THEE, I have CALLED THEE by Thy NAME; and THOU ART MINE.” Is. 43: 1

NO LONGER ARE WE OUR OWN; GOD BOUGHT US with a **PRICE**,

and WE **BELONG TO GOD** – WE'RE **GOD's PROPERTY**, for **TIME**, and for **ALL ETERNITY**.

When WE that have been **BORN** of the **SPIRIT** of **GOD**, WE are **GOD's CHILD ETERNALLY**.

WE ARE NOT OUR OWN:

To realize the significance of this statement, it means the **CHANGING** of our **LIVES** so that
ALL of our **PLANS** and **AMBITIONS** will **FIT INTO** the **PLAN** and **PURPOSE** of **GOD**.

GOD has **CALLED US** and He has **SAVED US**

that WE might be **INSTRUMENTS** in His **HANDS** to **HONOR** and **GLORIFY Him**, and

that WE might be **LIVING EPISTLES**, READ and KNOWN of ALL MEN, (II Cor. 3: 2).

Before WE can make real **SPIRITUAL PROGRESS**, WE must KNOW:

That **WE ARE CHRIST's**, and that **CHRIST is OURS**.

WE must be able to say, “THIS ONE THING I KNOW:

I BELONG to GOD, I'M GOD's PROPERTY, and I'M GOD's CHILD ETERNALLY!”

When WE come to the PLACE where **WE KNOW** and **WE HAVE this ASSURANCE** in our **HEARTS**:

That our **HEAVENLY FATHER** will TAKE CARE OF US, because

WE'RE GOD's PROPERTY for Him to **SAVE**, to **KEEP**, and to **PROTECT**,

and ALL the **POWERS** of **HELL** will never BE ABLE

to **PLUCK** from **GOD's HAND** **THOSE** that **BELONG** to **HIM**.

“My FATHER, which **GAVE THEM Me**, is **GREATER** than **ALL**;

and **NO MAN** is **ABLE** to **PLUCK THEM OUT OF My FATHER's HAND**.” John 10:29

That CHRIST is OURS, then WE can **WITHSTAND** the **POWERS of DARKNESS**, and WE can STAND ON **OUR RIGHTS** as **CHRISTIANS** and **REBUKE SATAN**.

That the **DEVIL** has NO RIGHT to INTRUDE on the **PROPERTY that BELONGS to GOD**.
The **CHILDREN of GOD** have **RIGHTS**, and GOD wants US **TO ASSERT** those **RIGHTS**.
WHEN WE KNOW that **WE ARE the LORD's**, then WE can **REBUKE the DEVIL**
with all the **POWER and AUTHORITY** VESTED in **JESUS' NAME**.

When WE were BORN into this WORLD, WE were **SHAPEN in INIQUITY** (Ps. 51: 5),
and **WE WALKED AFTER the COURSE of this WORLD**, and WE were **ENEMIES to GOD**.
Yet **JESUS**, OFFERED HIMSELF TO GOD, as **our SACRIFICE for SIN**, at the CROSS,
and **JESUS SHED His BLOOD, PAYING the PRICE** for **our SINS**.
JESUS made **PEACE for US** with **GOD**, and now, WE'VE been **RECONCILED to GOD**.
YOU and I, who were at **ENMITY with GOD**, can now
COME into GOD's PRESENCE, and ENJOY the **PEACE** that **JESUS** made for **US**.

One of the STRONGEST SCRIPTURES
that WE have for the TRUTH of **BELONGING to GOD ETERNALLY** is:
"I WILL NOT BLOT-OUT HIS NAME out of the **BOOK of LIFE.**" Rev. 3: 5 b

The **GRACE of GOD** does NOT GIVE US **LICENSE to SIN**; it TEACHES US to **DENY UNGODLINESS**.
"TEACHING US that, **DENYING UNGODLINESS** and **WORLDLY LUSTS**,
WE should **LIVE SOBERLY, RIGHTEOUSLY**, and **GODLY**, in this **PRESENT WORLD.**" Titus 2:12

If YOU have been **BORN** of the **SPIRIT of GOD**, YOU are **GOD's CHILD**.
Of course, if YOU have **DISOBEYED GOD**,
your **FELLOWSHIP with GOD** will not be as SWEET as it could be here **on EARTH**,
neither will your **REWARD** be what it ought to be **in HEAVEN**.
GOD will **JUDGE YOU** and **CHASTEN YOU** very sorely now
for your **WAYWARDNESS** and your **REBELLION** against Him.

GOD is a **JEALOUS GOD**, and He certainly EXPECT US:
to **ABSTAIN from ALL APPEARANCE of EVIL**, and to **LIVE GODLY, CONSECRATED LIVES**.
WE cannot do it depending upon OUR OWN **HUMAN EFFORTS**; It must be by the **POWER of GOD**.
The ONE who had **DEPENDED** upon HIS **OWN STRENGTH**, and seeing HIS **FAILURES**,
HE throws up his hands and says: "What is the use, I cannot live a CHRISTIAN LIFE!"
If He could ONLY REALIZE that the **SEED of GOD** has been **PLANTED in his HEART FOREVER**,
HE would ask GOD to FORGIVE HIM, and GET UP and GO ON WITH THE LORD!

WE can never GROW SPIRITUALLY until WE KNOW
that **WE BELONG to GOD** and **WE'RE GOD's CHILD ETERNALLY**.