

FIRSTBORN AMONG MANY BRETHREN

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, so that He (Jesus) might be the **Firstborn Among Many Brethren**. Moreover those whom He did predestinate, those He also called; and those whom He called, those He also justified: and those whom He justified, those He also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:28-29-31)

Firstborn: from the Greek word *prototokos* which means: "first-born, the eldest; the first to be born among other children who follow afterwards; properly - first in time." (from two greek words: *protos* which means "first, chief, foremost, or pre-eminent" and *tikto* which means "bring forth", thus begat, or give birth"); the firstborn 'by choice' rather than birth order.

Firstborn: In context: to be the First, Foremost, and Preeminent, amongst those who follow afterwards, and who are conformed to the image, and righteousness of the Firstborn - Jesus the Christ!.

Among: from the Greek word *en* which means: in, on, or among.

Many: from the Greek word *polus* which means: much, or many, great in number, numerous.

Brethren: from the Greek word *adelphos* which means: a brother. Also, all members, or brethren, of the same religious community, especially fellow Christians.

Consider these following verses:

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; so that He by the grace of God **should taste death for every man**. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, **in bringing many sons unto glory**, to make the **Author of Our Salvation (Jesus)** perfect through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from One; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, "I will declare Your Name **unto My Brethren**, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto You." (a quote from Psalm 22:22) ." (Hebrews 2:9-12)

"And after these things I heard a great voice of many people in heaven, saying, "Hallelua! **Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord our God**". ... And a voice came out of the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants, and you who fear Him, both small and great." And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, "**Hallelua! for the Lord God Almighty reigns!** Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him.; for the marriage **of the Lamb (Jesus)** has come, and His wife (the Church: all the saints in Christ Jesus) has made herself ready And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white; for the fine linen **is the righteousness of saints**. And he said unto me, Write, "Blessed are they who are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said unto me, "These are the true sayings of God!" And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, "Do not do that!, for I am your fellow servant, and **of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus**. Worship God; for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." (Revelation 19:1, and 5-10)

Jesus is ...
the Firstborn Among Many Brethren
who have faith the Testimony of Jesus,
and who have been conformed to the image of Gods Son!

"Great and marvellous are You works, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are Your ways, You King of the saints. Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and Glorify Your Name?" (Revelation 15:3-4)