

He is Not Ashamed to Call Us Brethren

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"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 their (our) Salvation perfect through sufferings. For both He (Jesus) who sanctifies and they (us) who are sanctified are all of One (speaking of the Father); for which cause **He (Jesus) is not ashamed to call them (us) brethren**, Saying, 'I (Jesus) will declare Your (the Father's) Name unto My brethren (us), in the midst of the church (us) I (Jesus) will sing praise unto You (the Father).' And again, 'I (Jesus) will put My trust in Him (the LORD).' And again, 'Behold I (Jesus) and the children (us) whom God (the LORD) has given to Me.' (Hebrews 2:9-13)
(quotes from Psalm 22:22; and Isaiah 8:17 & 18)

Not: from the Greek word **ouk** which means: no, not; neither, never, nor. Objectively negates a statement, "ruling it out as fact." (in context - it absolutely cannot be said that Jesus is ashamed of His brethren - His brothers and sisters in Christ.)

Ashamed: from the Greek word **epaischynetai** which means: he-is-ashamed; from **epaischunomai** - to be ashamed (of something). Refers to being disgraced or dishonored; or bringing on "fitting" shame that matches the error of wrongly identifying (aligning) with something. Again the context being: He, Jesus, is ashamed not of His brethren.

Call: from the Greek word **kalein**, from **kaleo** which means: to call, to summon, to invite.

Them: from the Greek word **autous** which means: them, those, theirs; the third person personal pronoun.

Brethren: from the Greek word **adelphous** which means: brethren - when speaking collectively of all believers, men and women. In context the children of the same Father! From **adelphos**: a brother.

What makes 'us' brothers, or brethren, to Christ Jesus, is the fact that **we share the same Father in heaven!** Just as Jesus is the Son of God, so we are also '**sons of God**' because of our faith in Jesus the Son of God! Consider the following:

"Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. Therefore, the world does not know us, because it does not know Him (the Father). Beloved, we are now the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He (Jesus) shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man who has this hope in Him (Jesus) purifies himself, even as He is pure." (1 John 3:1-3)

"And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him (the Father) who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised up Christ from the dead shall also make alive your mortal bodies by His Spirit who dwells in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh, you shall die; but if you through the Spirit do put to death the deeds of the body, you shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, by which we cry, '**Abba, Father.**' The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit, **that we are the children of God**: 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 (with Jesus)."
(Romans 8:10-17)

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"But when the fulness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive **the adoption of sons**. And because **you are sons**, God has sent forth **the Spirit of His Son into your hearts**, crying, 'Abba, Father.' Therefore, you are no longer a servant, **but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.**" (Galatians 4:4-7)

Jesus, Himself, spoke of who His true brethren were:

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall he sit upon the throne of His glory; And before Him shall be gathered all nations; and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King (Jesus) shall say unto those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed by My Father, **inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.** For I was hungry, and you gave Me food. I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink. I was a stranger, and you took Me in; naked, and you clothed Me. I was sick, and you visited Me. I was in prison, and you came unto Me.' Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You; or thirsty, and gave You drink? When did we see You as a stranger, and take You in; or naked, and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come unto You?' And the King shall answer and say unto them, 'Truly I say unto you, inasmuch as you have done it unto just one of the least **of these My brethren, you have done it unto Me.**' " (Matthew 25:31-40)

We are Christ's brethren because of our faith in Him:

He, Jesus " was the true Light, who enlightens every man who comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, **to them He gave power to become the sons of God**, even **to those who believe on His name**; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, **but of God.**" (John 1:9-13)

And again. "For I came down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the Father's will who has sent Me, that of all whom He has given me I should lose none, but should raise them up again at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that every one who sees the Son, **and believes on Him**, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him (us) up at the last day." (John 6:38-40)

"But the scripture has included all under sin, **so that the promise through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe**. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. The law, therefore, was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, **so that we might be justified by faith**. But after that (our) faith has come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. **For you are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for **you are all one in Christ Jesus**. And if you are Christ's, then you are also Abraham's seed, **and heirs according to the promise.**" (Galatians 3:22-29)

"Whoever **believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God**; and every one who loves Him who begat loves Him who is also begotten of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdonsome. For whoever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:1-5)

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We are Christ's brethren because of our obedience to the Father's will:

"While He (Jesus) was speaking to the people, behold, His mother and His brethren stood beyond reach, desiring to speak with Him. Then someone said unto Him, 'Behold, Your mother and your brethren are standing outside, desiring to speak with You.' But He answered and said unto him who spoke to Him, 'Who is My mother? And who are My brethren?' And He stretched forth His hand toward His disciples, and said, 'Behold My mother **and My brethren!** For whoever **shall do the will of My Father** who is in heaven, **the same is My brother, and sister, and mother.**" (Matthew 12:46-50) (Mark 3:31-35)

"Not every one who says unto Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; **but (only) he who does the will of My Father** who is in heaven. (Matthew 7:21)

We are Christ's brethren because of our obedience to the word of God:

"My mother and **My brethren are those who hear the word of God, and do it.**" (Luke 8:21)

"Whoever is **born of God** does not commit sin; for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, **because he is born of God.** In this **the children of God** are manifest..." (1 John 3:9-11) (see also John 16:5-11 for the 'sin' in context)

The children of Israel and the children of Gentiles are now, in Christ Jesus, both His Brethren:

God has "made known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy (us), which beforehand He had prepared unto glory, even us, whom he has called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles; as He also once said, 'I will call them My people, who were not My people; and her beloved, who was not beloved.' And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, 'You are not My people; there they shall be called **the children of the living God!**' (Romans 9:23-26)

"But now in Christ Jesus you who sometimes were far off are made near by the blood of Christ. For He is our peace, **who has made both one**, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished **in His flesh** the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; so as to make in Himself, of the two, one new man, and thus making peace; so that He might reconcile **both** unto God in one body through the cross, having thus slain the enmity. And (He) came and preached peace to you who were far off (Gentiles), and to them who were near (Jews). For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Therefore, you are now no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, **and of the household (family) of God**; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone**; in whom all the building fitly framed together grows into a Holy Temple in the Lord; in whom you **also are built together as a habitation of God through the Spirit.**" (Ephesians 2:13-22)

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His brethren are those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

His brethren are those who hear the word of God, and do it.

His brethren are those who do the will of His Father.

Being His Brethren, we are joint heirs of God with and through Christ Jesus.

Thank You Jesus for calling us brethren!

Thank You Jesus for being the Author of our Salvation!

Thank You Father in heaven for bestowing upon us Your wonderful and marvelous love!