

I'm a son and a saint, no matter what they say

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What's the most important revelation that you can have as a Christian?

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God is our Father and we are His children.

Stott "If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all."

What it can be like when you don't know you are a son.

Fred was a leader in his 50s - negative person, frustrated younger leaders not released.

He had a remarkable encounter, set free. Ask HS what's the lie? "I'm no good. I'm just...."

Lie from the pit of hell - the Gospel makes us good. If you don't think you are any good, how are you going to treat everyone else.

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People - no good, never amount to very much. Doing stupid things. Final year maths module to prove my dad wrong!

Satan - accuser of the brothers

Gal 3:23-4:7

Sons and daughters - Gal 3:28 don't worry! If being a daughter has left you being slighted, that's okay because for all eternity the believing men in your life will be called the BRIDE of Christ too! It will all balance out!!!!

The before

v23 held captive under the law.

4:1 slave

Slave thinking starts to doubt Father God's love, kindness and generosity - A&E did God really say?

Image of God who must be appeased by doing more

Need rules and law

Low self image

Need a title

Competitive, jealousy, rivalry

Conversion v26 Faith 4:4 Father sent the son to die for us to set us free.

The now

Truth - son and a saint no matter what they say

Grow in the knowledge of that by renewing your mind.

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We are In Christ v27,28

Historically

Football team analogy - we scored a goal - no you were sitting on your settee eating pringles!

Romans 6:3; Gal 2:20

Spiritually 1 Cor 6:17

Eschatologically!

Part of the coming new creation. Eph 1:3 Already seated in the heavenly places.

Bit Trekkie Wormhole - space and time the age to come already in our hearts

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But I've...

Not dependent on you - it's dependent on Father - adoption

So what?

Intimacy - Abba Father Gal 4:6

Spirit led - Romans 8:14-16

Security - I'm with him. Airport story. Gone before, won the blessings, I'm with him!

Identity -

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