

# Religion is a Poor Substitute for Being a Son in the Kingdom – Part 2



# Religion

- **If I do this more, or do something else less I will be pleasing to God**
- **pray more, pray harder, fast more, get in the Word more**
- **stop this habit, promise to do better**
- **Be a spiritual warrior**

**These are pictures of the old man, Old Covenant, work, labor, servanthood**



## **Son in the Kingdom**

- **You are a joint-heir with Christ Jesus**
- **You don't receive your inheritance by "having enough faith"**
- **You receive it by changing what you believe about yourself**

**Sonship was always by faith, not through works or your obedience**

**The New Covenant is believing what's true about Jesus is true about you!**



**Romans 5:14** ...Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

**18** Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. **19** For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.



**Romans 9:6** For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. **7** Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." **8** In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring.

**9** For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."



**Romans 9:10** Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. **11** Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: **12** not by works but by him who calls—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” **13** Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”



**Romans 9:30** What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; **31** but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. **32** Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works.



**Galatians 4:21** Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says? **22** For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. **23** His son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a divine promise.

**24** These things are being taken figuratively: The women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar.





**Galatians 4:25** Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. **26** But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother...

**28** Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise. **29** At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. **30** But what does Scripture say? “Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman’s son.”

**31** Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.



**John 1:11** He came unto his own, and his own received him not. **12** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name

**Religion is man's way of earning what Jesus has already freely provided for us – no one is justified by their own works or obedience**

**You receive your inheritance by believing you are in Christ, the finisher of the New Covenant**

