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No More An Orphan!

“Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ” (Galatians 4:3-7).

It is such an awesome blessing to receive all that Jesus Christ has purchased for us at the Cross. There is divine revelation of our adoption and inheritance that the Holy Spirit makes known in the Word of God. In **Ephesians 1:3-6**, the Apostle Paul writes that God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing “in Christ”. That He adopted us as sons through the obedience of Jesus giving Himself as a Sacrifice for our sins. We are the “praise of His Glory of His grace,” because of Christ finished work. It is sad though, that many neglect and miss out on such a great Salvation (Heb. 2:3). There is a lot of ignorance in the world and also in the Church about an orphan. I am talking in spiritual reference to what the Word of God says about an orphan. From the beginning of time God had desired a family. Not because He was lonely, but because of His un-selfish motivation to share this exhilarating Love with His children. **Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! (1 John 3:1)**. Only those who know who their Daddy is, can encounter this Pure un-defiled Love. When God created Adam and Eve He gave them all the privileges of son-ship. No-thing was withheld from them except the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Only a loving parent would place boundaries for their children. Such, God did. But, because the voice of an outsider (satan, liar, thief, murderer) that came to deceive and by their choice to believe the lie, they failed. The failure brought separation and produced a family of orphans. God did not leave us (humanity), we left Him for our carnal ambitions, to be fulfilled. The devil is ever relentless in his pursuit to deceive humanity into thinking they can be all they can be with out God. In reality we are incomplete and dysfunctional without a personal relationship with our Heavenly Father. He formed us and fashioned us to be complete in Christ (Col. 2:10). He is our inheritance (Eph.1:11) and we are His (Heb.2:10). It is an inheritance that does not parish or fade away (1Peter 1:4).

There are many characteristics of an orphan mentality, but there are three that I think are the most important in the mind of an orphan (Reference, “The Supernatural Skyline,” by Jim Hylton).

1. Provision Becomes an Obsession

Enough is never enough for an orphan. An orphan never feels complete and never has enough. There is a story about a man who knew Joseph Kennedy (the elder, in the millionaire Kennedy family). He asked him, “Mr. Kennedy how much money does it take to satisfy a man?” Mr. Kennedy replied back to the man, “Just a little bit more”. That is classic orphan thinking. A little bit more is always necessary for the orphan mind because orphans never see themselves as endowed. They never experience the supernatural provision that Jesus spoke of in, **Matthew 6:33**, **“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you”**.

2. Provision is a Continuous Concern

Orphans in their insecure mind-set, not only conclude that there is never enough, but what they have is never safe. They feel a burning need to protect themselves and their possessions, no matter how meager. They cannot see their Father as their protector and they refuse to risk personal rejection, loss or even discomfort. Contrast that with the Apostle Paul’s willingness as a son to experience the loss of all things, because what he has gained in Christ. **“Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ” (Philippians 3:8)**. All he had was considered rubbish to what he found in knowing Christ. Adam swapped son-ship and gained orphan status. Paul swapped orphan status and gained son-ship. The swap took place on the Cross when Christ swapped out being God’s own Son for being made sin, though He knew no sin (2Cor. 5:21). With that un-imaginable alteration, Jesus became an orphan crying out “My God, My God why have you forsaken Me!” (Matt. 27:46). Through His decision to be made sin for us, we have been made righteous and now bare the image of God’s workmanship as a masterful new creation (Eph. 2:10). Paul knew that, in the Cross and resurrection of Christ, everything that belongs to God is returned to us if we enter into our place in Christ through faith.

3. Position (Title or Role) Holds Great Importance

The issue for a son is not position but purpose. The orphan loses sight of purpose because of the need for position. Our purpose is the same as the purpose of Jesus, to “display the glory of the Father”. As sons and daughters, we have the same relationship with the Father that Jesus had on this earth. Sons and daughters know their position in Christ and through Christ. They receive the same relationship that He had with the Father, which is the highest position that can ever be enjoyed. They have no need for position, titles or roles, they are sons and daughters! Our prayer to our Heavenly Father should be of gratitude for the glory that Jesus gave us. We need to celebrate and rejoice in our status as sons and daughters of God. **“And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me” (John 17:22-23)**. Lord, we commit ourselves to love You rightly in order to attract the orphans to You. We know it is in Your Big Heart that there be **“No More Orphans!”** Amen.

Hi, my name is Dwight Harris from Lake Charles, Louisiana and I'm 45 years old. Sin had stolen my dignity and all my self-esteem but I was made brand new again when MERCY looked at me! This year at Shiloh has been one of the most incredible years of my life. It's been a spiritual awakening journey of discovery by way of life changing teaching through revelation knowledge of God's infallible Word. There is no substitute for all that I have gained in knowledge and what has been imparted into my life by Godly people such as Brother David Walls, Pastors Rocky and Debbie Fondren, Randy Moye and Mike Isham. I've sat under some knowledgeable, teachers and ministers in my life but these warriors for Christ are exceptionally anointed by God and they sacrifice much of their lives and time to deliver the best to the Shiloh men. I was raised in church with very strong Christian values by two of the most wonderful, God-fearing parents and two loving sisters anyone could ever ask for. All of my life, my family has been dedicated to God, the church and each other. Along with my career at the bank, I worked in music ministry for several years. Although I was dedicated to my position in the church and the people I served in the ministry, I became complacent in my relationship with God. My prayer life, Bible study and fasting began to decrease and suffer because of the agenda *I thought I had* to maintain. My 'alone' time with God was slipping and my relationship with Him was distant. The Bible says in *John 3:30* that we must decrease so *HE* can increase. This verse can have several meanings but for my life it tells me to follow God's agenda and not my own. To become just content in God and where you are in relationship with Him is not a safe place to be. Because of contentment and a lackadaisical attitude, sin started coming in and over powered my good decisions. Eventually alcohol became a way to medicate my restless soul. At this point, a Godly life was nonexistent for me and instead of turning to God; I turned toward what became an addiction. Thank God in my darkest hour when I thought all was lost, God's mercy flooded me once again and by divine appointment, placed in the refuge camp of Shiloh Ministries. I entered the doors of Shiloh a broken man without direction. All that time satan thought he had me but God saw me through merciful eyes and looked past all my faults and failures. Over the past year I have grown so much in my faith and greater understanding of His Word. My only desire is to walk according to His purpose, plan and design for my life. (*Psalms 119:133, Order my steps in Thy word; and let not any iniquity have domain over me.*") No matter where I am geographically on this earth, I will be God's mouthpiece to deliver the message that there is life and liberty in Christ. I want people to know that God can restore you back to right relationship with Him. He loves us unconditionally. Restoration and healing are available to everyone no matter the circumstance. It's comforting to know that God does not look upon our past failures or bad decisions to foresee our future and potential. Victory is God's promise for us to claim. Throughout life disappointments and discouragements will come but it's in the valleys that God restores us if we let Him. In every dark hour remember the blessed consolation is to simply give it all to God. (*Psalms 46:10 ~ "Be still and know that I am God..."NIV*)



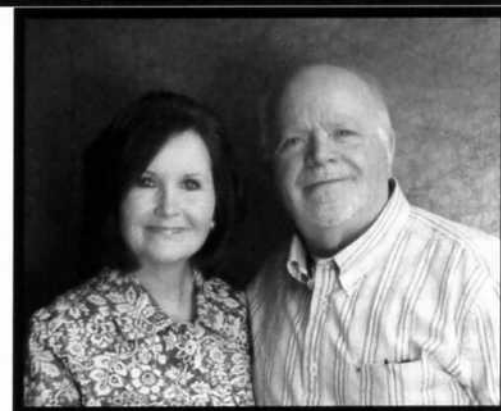
New Dormitory Project Update

We want to thank everyone for their generosity in giving to the New Dormitory Project. Our main purpose for the upgrade is to make more bed space to save more men from death. We currently are installing AC duct board & digging for the application of plumbing (water & drain) lines. We continue in being a good steward in what God has entrusted to us. We have completed the framing phase of the student rooms & have moved on to the other projects. As with any construction project, the cost is our main concern. We keep everyone updated so you can be informed of our progress & our needs in bringing about completion of this project. We believe we are doing an excellent job of managing our resources. None of the expenses go toward contractors. The students & staff do all labor, which keeps our cost targeted for the purchase of material items. Please pray about what you can do to assist us in the purchase of Air Conditioners, sheetrock, paint, plumbing & electrical supplies. Thanks for partnering with us & being a blessing from the Lord.



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