

SONSHIP RIGHTS

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Sonship rights are promises in the Word of God that are available to us because we are sons of God. They are available because of what God has done in Christ Jesus. We cannot earn sonship rights, and all sons of God get the same rights. We do have to claim and stand upon our rights as sons of God. We must believe God's Word and act upon it literally. The New Testament is our legal document that declares our rights as sons of the one true God. The New Testament is written in the blood of Jesus Christ. God Almighty through Jesus Christ accomplished something unprecedented in all history. God redeemed man and gave him rights and standing as sons and citizens in the household of God. God gave his sons the same power and authority as Jesus Christ. God had planned to give man these sonship rights from before the creation of the heavens and the earth.

In "Power For Abundant Living" Dr. Victor Paul Wierwille taught five sonship rights.

1- We are righteousness. 2 – We are sanctified. 3 – We have the ministry of reconciliation. 4 – We are redeemed. 5 – We are justified.

EW Keyon in his book "The Father and His Family" (the Story of man's redemption) taught the following sonship rights.

1 – We have eternal Life. 2 – We have victory over Sin and Satan. 3 – We have a home in heaven. 4 – We can use the name of Jesus Christ in prayer. 6 – We have the Father's protection and care. 7 – We have a son's place in the family of God. 8 – We have the indwelling presence of Holy Spirit. 9 – We have intercession and teaching of the Spirit. 10 – We will be translated at the second coming of Jesus Christ. 11 – We have immortality and the new body. 12 - We will live with the father throughout all eternity.

In his teaching of the Book of Romans on the University of Life Tapes Dr. Victor Paul Wierwille said that the following were sonship rights.

1- We have the abundant life. 2 – We are more than conquerors. 3 – We can do all things through Christ. 4 – We can use the name of Jesus Christ, the power of attorney. 5 – It is Christ in us the hope of glory. 6 – We have Christ as our intercessor. 7 – We are filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

Ephesians 2:19 (Amplified Bible) Therefore you are no longer outsiders (exiles, migrants, and aliens, excluded from the rights of citizens), but you now share citizenship with the saints (God's own people, consecrated and set apart for Himself); and you belong to God's [own] household.

We have the rights of citizens in God's household; we share citizenship with the saints [heavens holiest]. God put us in His family, God put us in His household, and God made us citizens; That gives us rights, that gives us a standing. This is a promise of God Almighty that is iron clad, it is written in stone, and it is irrevocable. Our sonship rights cannot be taken away. All we have to do is to stand firm and claim our rights and don't let anyone talk us out of them, or let anyone trick us into trying to earn what God has freely given us. No man or ministry can revoke our membership in God's family and household; God gave it to us as sonship rights, Christ died to make it available. There is no power, no might, and no dominion that can remove our eternal life and eternal sonship rights.

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We have certain political rights as citizens of The United States of America. These rights are made available because of the great stand our forefathers.

Declaration of Independence (Adopted in Congress 4 July 1776)
The Unanimous Declaration of the Thirteen United States of America

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We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. —Such has been the patient sufferance of these colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

The Ten Original Amendments to the Constitution: The Bill of Rights.
Passed by Congress September 25, 1789.
Ratified December 15, 1791.

1 - Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

2-A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

3 - No soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

4 - The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

5 - No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for

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the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

6 - In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

7 - In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise reexamined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

8 - Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

9 - The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

10 - The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

These rights are ours as citizens of this great country. In all of their greatness, these rights pale in comparison to our rights as God's sons. It is our irrevocable right as sons of God to claim every promise of God.

Sons of God by Brian Bliss

We are sons of God with power; raise your and say it loud
The righteousness of God is ours; of our sonship, we are proud
We're bought back from the devil's power; we're set apart by Christ
And we're reconciling men to God; serving them the bread of life
We are sons of God, shining as a light
Casting out the darkness, holding forth the Word of life
Fearless, as we stand upon the promises of God
Proclaiming the wonderful works of him every morning, noon and night
Standing before our father's throne, boldly, without shame
Making our requests known to God in his Son's name
Bold because we know we're righteous; we're not afraid of man
Knowing that in the book of life, God has put our names
Never doubting our ability, we stand and know we're free
Knowing we're more than conquerors, we claim each victory
We're God's perfect masterpiece; we're complete in Christ
Believing, working miracles, casting mountains to the sea
And we're reconciling men to God, serving them the bread of life

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DECLARATION OF SONSHIP RIGHTS

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all sons of God are created equal, (because of what God did in Christ) that they are endowed by their Creator, (God Almighty) with certain unalienable sonship rights, that among these are the abundant life, liberty from legalism and religion, and the right to equal standing in God's family and household. To secure these rights, inspired men of God, using the powers of God to serve, and not demanding service, institute ministries of deliverance. Whenever any ministry has become destructive and abusive, and it has departed from teaching the New Testament doctrine. It is the responsibility of any son of God to leave or abolish any such ministry.

We therefore do solemnly publish and declare that we are free sons of God with full access to all of promises of God that are available to us, and with a firm reliance on Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to our fellow believers our hearts, our lives, our love, and our sacred honor.

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1 The Right to have God's Righteousness - Romans 10:9,10

2 The Right to be Sanctified - 1 Corinthians 1:30

3 The Ministry of Reconciliation - 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

4 We have been Redeemed - 1 Corinthians 1:30

5 The Right to be Justified - Romans 3:20-26

6 The Right to Eternal Life - John 3:15, 16

7 The Right to be in God's Household - Ephesians 2:19

8 The Right to be in God's Family - 1 John 3:1

9 The Right to Fellowship with Fellow Believers - Hebrews 10:25

10 The Right to Operate 9 Manifestations of the Spirit - 1 Corinthians 12:7-10

11 The Right to have the 9 Fruit of the Spirit - Galations 5:19-23

12 The Right to do the Works of Jesus Christ and Greater Works - John 14:12

13 The Right to Earn Heavenly Rewards that cannot be taken away - Matthew 10:41,42

14 The Right to an Inheritance from God Almighty - 1 Peter 1:3, 4 Romans 8:17

15 The Right to be Saved From the Wrath to Come - Romans 5:9

16 The Right to NOT be Judged according to our sins - Romans 5:16, 18 1 John 4:17

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- 17 The Right to God's Protection** - Romans 8:37-39
- 18 The Right to have God's Blessings** - Ephesians 1:3
- 19 The Right to be a Saint of God** - Ephesians 2:19
- 20 The Right to Health and Prosperity** - 3 John 2
- 21 The Right to Deliverance and Victory over Sin** - Romans 6:14, 18, 22
- 22 The Right to an Abundant Life** - John 10:10
- 23 The Right to Christ in us the Hope of Glory** - Colossians 1:26-27
- 24 The Right to be Filled with all the Fullness of God** - Ephesians 3:19
- 25 The Right to use the Name of Jesus Christ – Our Power of Attorney** - John 14:13
- 26 The Right to have Jesus Christ as our Intercessor with God Almighty** - 1 Corinthians 5:7 1 John 2:1
- 27 The Right to be Gathered Together with Christ and have a New Spiritual Body when Christ Returns** - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 1 Corinthians 15:22-23, 52-54
- 28 The Right to have a Home in Heaven** - Philippians 3:20
- 30 The Right to be Free from Condemnation** - Romans 8:1
- 31 The Right to be Bold in God's Presence and Free from Fear** - 2 Timothy 1:7
- 32 The Right to God's Forgiveness** - Ephesians 1:7

We are what the Word of God says we are, we have what the Word of God says we have, and we will be what the Word of God says we will be. God said it and that settles it, now it is up to us to believe it and act upon it.

Job 29:14a I put on righteousness, and it clothed me:

We must put on our sonship rights the way Job put on his righteousness. We cannot let anyone talk us out of what we are in Christ. Our sonship rights belong to us, and we must first know what they are and then put them on. If we fail in this then we will not have the fullness of what God wants for our lives.

Romans 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

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Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.

3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

3:14 And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

We are continually exhorted to “put on” what God’s word says about us. How do we put on the new man or love or mercy? We change our thinking to line up with what the Word of God says we have; this is also called renewed mind. We read, study, think, and believe God’s Word. That’s right the Word of God is true about you. Why not believe and receive God’s promises in your life?

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