

Living as Sons

Original Design—Nature of our True Identity

- Only aspect of creation designed to bear/display the ‘image and likeness’ of God—Genesis 1:26-28, Genesis 2:7, Ephesians 4:22-24, Colossians 3:9-11
- Designed to be transferred relationally
- Imprinting: Refers to a critical period of time early in an animal’s life when it forms attachments and develops a concept of its own identity. Birds and mammals are born with a pre-programmed drive to imprint onto their mother. Imprinting provides animals with information about who they are and determines who they will find attractive when they reach adulthood. Left to ourselves—after the fall of man—apart from the Lord (whose image and likeness we are to bear)—we began to form our own identities within our limited environment.
- Apart from Him—we become conformed to the world (deformed—contorted—marred—distorted—void)
- When sin brought about separation—we began to imprint on every lesser thing.

God Sent His Son

- To accomplish atonement/salvation/justification/sanctification....
- To restore creation to its’ original design/intent
Hebrews 1:1-3 exact representation
Romans 8:29 predestined

Four Words for Sons

Nepios—infant

Paidon—young child

Teknon—

Huios—

Must Know and Understand our Identity

- Wounds from parents create obstacles to our transformation
- Evil one takes advantage of wounds and opportunities
Satan’s deception—that we are not loved—I John 4:16-19
Satan’s deception—we must earn the approval of the Father—(slave mentality)
Satan’s deception—we do not belong—(orphan mentality)

Jesus Models what restored life with the Father looks like

*Father Assignment