

# The Substitutes for Reality

Christians are actually in a state of deception – unconsciously, that is – because they have unknowingly substituted religion for reality. I say unconsciously, because the teaching they are under program and convinces them that what they know, think and believe is totally in line with God's plan and will. Even so, there are often misgivings or doubts that crop up about the religious reality that they are in, but these are usually quashed by a pastor or by their own will because of fear.

Secretly, many, many know that there's got to be more.

I know, I've been there!

It's important to remember that Christianity is a religion that replaced the Kingdom life that Jesus set up during his time on Earth. Religion is man's attempt to please God and to devise a system that aligns with his will. In essence, it's a substitute – a fabricated substitute that goes all the way back to Nimrod who deliberately brought in a replacement for the service of the One True God.<sup>1</sup>

At all levels in the established church the activities are a substitute for reality. All levels!

What are they substituting for? It's the Kingdom life of sonship.

When we are spiritually born-again<sup>2</sup>, our spiritual DNA changes and the Spirit of the Living God lives in us as well. We become a new species<sup>3</sup>, not Christians. Christians are members of the Christian religion, but sons are active members of Father's household.

Like Adam, sons were created to be Father's imagers – his replicas on Earth carrying out his will with his authority. We are *bene elohim* (sons of God), but in a real sense we are straight *elohim* because God fathered us.<sup>4</sup> Being begets the same being, that's how replication works.

If that's the reality, then we should be living in that reality as spiritual beings. However, religion, fear, ignorance, etc., have kept us for millennia in a substitute life.

Religion substitutes for the Spirit-filled life and the spiritual life substitutes for the Kingdom life.

So here's just some of the substitutes within the Christian religion:

RELIGIOUS LEVEL	Substitute	Reality
	Church temples/buildings	The human body as temple
	Crucifixes	Resurrection
	Sacred objects	Sacredness of life
	Ceremony	Spiritual reality
	Sacraments	Reality of life
	Cross focus	Resurrected life
	Sin focus	Righteous living

1 – See: Ken Johnson (2010) “Ancient Post-Flood History” Chapter 4

2 – John 3:1-8

3 – 2 Corinthians 5:17 (esp. KJ21, ASV, AMP, AMPC, MEV, NASB, WYC, YLT)

4 – Read: “God-likeness” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/CHALLENGE-god-likeness.pdf

“Revisited” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/CHALLENGE-god-likeness-revisited.pdf

<b>RELIGIOUS LEVEL (ctd.)</b>	<b>Substitute</b>	<b>Reality</b>
	Holiness focus	Sanctified & consecrated life
	Going to church	Kingdom Community
	Set prayers	Spirit-led praying
	Collection	Kingdom wealth redistribution
	Preaching	Sound doctrine
	Teaching	Discipleship
	Singing	Personal rejoicing
	Holy Communion	Spiritual life
	Devotions	Spiritual growth & development
	Saying grace	A life of total thanksgiving
	Bible study	Holy Spirit teaching/rhema

<b>SPIRITUAL LEVEL</b>	<b>Substitute</b>	<b>Reality</b>
	Sunday Sabbath	Essence of the Messiah
	Church buildings	Street Community
	Going to church	Kingdom Community
	Going to meetings	Spirit-led Kingdom tasks
	Corporate worshipping	Personal worship & intimacy
	Corporate 'presence'	Constant personal 'presence'
	'Pulling down Heaven'	Operating out of Heaven
	Communion	Unity with the King <sup>5</sup>
	Tithing	Kingdom wealth redistribution
	Prayer ministry	Personal receipt from Heaven
	Preaching	Prophetic preaching
	Sunday teaching	Prophetic teaching
	Bible teaching	Discipleship
	Bible teaching	Mentoring & fathering
	Prayer	Personal intimacy
	Corporate prayers	Spirit-breathed communication
	Quiet time	Inhabiting Heaven
	Bible Study	Personal revelation
	Intercession	Decreeing and proclaiming
	Quoting scripture	Spirit-empowered speech
	Weekday life	Kingdom life
	Occupation/vocation	Kingdom destiny

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5 – See 2 Corinthians 5:17 (CJB)

<b>SPIRITUAL LEVEL (ctd.)</b>	<b>Substitute</b>	<b>Reality</b>
	Christian life	Kingdom citizenship
	Spirit-filled life	Oneness with our King
	Visions of Heaven	Being in Heaven in the spirit
<b>Even →</b>	Seer activity	Translocation to Heaven
<b>Even →</b>	Prophecy	Hearing Jesus speak personally
<b>Even →</b>	Decision-making prayer	Counsel of the Lord
<b>Even →</b>	Tongues with interpretation	Prophecy in English
<b>Even →</b>	Praying in the Spirit	Spirit-breathed prayer in English
<b>Even →</b>	5-fold gifts <sup>6</sup>	5-fold Kingdom statuses <sup>7</sup>
<b>Even →</b>	Recognizant operation	Partnering with Heaven
<b>Even →</b>	Blasé self-sufficient attitude	Angelic visitation
<b>Even →</b>	Hyper-spiritual pride	Visitation of Jesus

The 1<sup>st</sup> church was only a seed for what Father had planned for his sons. They never totally operated like Jesus did.

This is the reality of this statement:

**Romans 8:29** (NKJV) – *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

Unfortunately, this has been theologized and the full glory of the sons of God has not been able to be displayed on the Earth. In fact, it's being taught that this “predestination” won't occur until the Millennial Reign.

Jesus modelled the Kingdom life to his disciples, but this never manifested from what we can see from the NT writings. In addition, the early church totally lost the plot and was hijacked by the religious mindset of the day so that by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century there was no resemblance of the 1<sup>st</sup> church's mode of operation remaining.<sup>8</sup>

Today, as with the believers of ages past, if we look at Jesus' social activities and do only those things, rather than emulating him as a prototype, we'll just be “nice people” doing non-Spirit-directed social work. Alternatively, if we see Jesus of Nazareth as God incarnate rather than the first<sup>9</sup> of the Spirit-filled humans, it will cause us to restrict ourselves spiritually to what we think our limitations are.

However, our King is releasing to us via worldwide revelation the level we should be operating at as Kingdom Sons. Here are the current 'pinnacle' levels that we are being trained to functioning in:

- 1. Oneness with the him,**
- 2. Inhabiting the Realm of Heaven as fully operational sons, &**
- 3. Operating from within the Realm of Heaven as one of the 5-fold Kingdom statuses onto the face of the Earth.**

6 – Ephesians 4:11-14 – “until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants...” (NIV)

7 – Son, king, priest, legislator & oracle.

8 – Read “DID YOU KNOW: There's a Lost Century?”

(canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/DID-YOU-KNOW-theres-a-lost-century.pdf)

9 – Romans 8:29

This is all part of the restoration of all things. It's not the current church focus on things Jewish, which is seen as a restoration of things pre-Christian religion. It's about the restoration of things pre-Fall, to the originally intended Adamic way of life. It is actually the prelude to life in the Millennial Reign.

Right now, it's important that we recognise all of the substitutes that we operate in and allow Father's lead to bring us into the reality he has for us. He will do this lovingly and gently, step-by-step, so there's no need to strive or stress. Remember, the Kingdom functions via genuine faith, so that's all you need here – i.e. total commitment and total trust.

**WARNING:** Religion will kill any attempt to proceed in this direction.

**WARNING:** The substitute spiritual life will curtail any progress as well, as one will feel content where they are spiritually and will not want to advance in maturity.

Only those who know there's more will take up the challenge to divest themselves of substitutes and 'grow up' into the Kingdom son they were meant to be.

If the saints don't do this, the manifestation of the sons of God<sup>10</sup> cannot occur.

**It's that important!**

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