

Our Kingdom Attitude: ‘Adopted’, not ‘Bought with a Price’

Sons of the Kingdom need to be radically reprogrammed in the way they think.¹ This requires the Spirit to teach us plus our co-operation to begin speaking Kingdom language, which is different to the way the church and the world speaks.

For example, we should not speak the church phrase: ‘Sinner saved by Grace’. This keeps us focussed on the cross (in the past) and tolerant of our sins (our weakness). As Kingdom citizens, our focus is the King, the Kingdom and being about Father’s business. Now, it’s totally true that we come into the Kingdom through the cross, but it’s just our doorway to adoption. From there we are to move on and mature as sons. Brandon Showalter puts it this way:

“If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, the problem with being “just a sinner saved by grace” is that it is, quite simply, untrue. It is high time to discard this tired phrase and the thinking that surrounds it. Here’s why...[M]isrepresenting the nature of grace is precisely what “just a sinner saved by grace” does because it identifies us with a life that was nailed to the cross over two thousand years ago. Often when I hear this line tossed around it is in the context of a Christian struggling against a particular vice, battling a destructive habit that has plagued him for some time. However honest and transparent said person may be about his weaknesses and his desire to be restored, to identify as “just a sinner” seldom helps him. It is rooted in false humility, and false humility is one sly deception and thief of destiny. If we are in Him, sin is no longer the truest thing about us, so why call ourselves as such? “Saved by grace” is not a mere afterthought to be tagged onto a misnomer. Grace is our new life.”²

The other day the Spirit dropped into my spirit this teaching: If we focus on being redeemed we will think of ourselves as slaves or servants. In the Kingdom we must focus on our adoption as sons. This is where our identity must lie.

Although being bought by a price (the meaning of ‘redeemed’) is biblical, it was an idiom chosen for NT believers where slavery was the norm. They really understood what the freedom of being redeemed really meant. Today teaching from the pulpit explains redemption in terms of slave-freedom but it is used to keep us as bond-slaves and servants, restricting us from the liberty of sonship which is our right as sons of the Most High God. We cannot mature as sons while ever we focus on being a sinner, a bond-slave or a servant. This focus “is rooted in false humility, and false humility is one sly deception and thief of destiny”.

Change the way you speak to align with Kingdom understanding.

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