

Our Incredible Future

From glancing at their literature, JW's are correct in their understanding of the Kingdom, although they have it in the distant future. Mainstream evangelicals have missed it by focussing on going to Heaven when they die. It's only in the recent couple of decades that our King has re-established the paradigm of Kingdom-now among those who have 'ears to hear'.

Glancing at a Trumpet article by The Philadelphia Church of God (the current version of Herbert W. Armstrong's Worldwide Church of God) I noticed that they had a better understanding of our role as sons. Mainstream evangelicals have missed it by focussing on church and worshipping God. It's only in the recent decade that our King has re-established the paradigm of sonship among those who have 'ears to hear'.

Unfortunately, like the JW's and evangelicals, this is allocated to the future – the future is when they say we will be born into God's family. Their article states:

"We need to really awaken ourselves to our potential," Mr. Flurry said on May 17, 2009. "And I tell you it is something to really and truly get stirred up about and to fill a human being with joy. Real joy, and so much so that they want to live by every word of God!"...

"Hebrews 2:6-10 say God will put "the universe in subjection" to humankind (Weymouth version).

Isaiah 45:18 says the God who created the earth and the heavens "created it not in vain" and "formed it to be inhabited."

Romans 8:22-23 say the "whole creation"— not just the Earth, but everything Hubble can see and everything beyond its view—"has been groaning in travail together until now," waiting "for [the birth] as sons" (Revised Standard Version).

This is about the future, when human beings will be born into God's Family! Once born as God beings, we will be sent out into the universe to inhabit and develop it. Romans 8 personifies the creation as being eager for mankind to achieve that staggering potential!"¹

Notice from these verses that it's ALL of creation that's waiting for us to manifest our full sionship:

Romans 8:22-23 (AMPC²) – We know that the whole creation [of irrational creatures] has been moaning together in the pains of labor until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves too, who have *and* enjoy the firstfruits of the [Holy] Spirit [a foretaste of the blissful things to come] groan inwardly as we wait for the redemption of our bodies [from sensuality and the grave, which will reveal] our adoption (our manifestation as God's sons).

Romans 8:22-23 (TPT³) – To this day we are aware of the universal agony and groaning of creation, as if it were in the contractions of labor for childbirth. And it's not just creation. We who have already experienced the firstfruits of the Spirit⁴ also inwardly groan as we passionately long to experience our full status as God's sons and daughters—including our physical bodies being transformed.

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1 – www.thetrumpet.com/20587-a-window-into-humanitys-incredible-future

2 – Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

3 – The Passion Translation

4 – "The 'firstfruits of the Spirit' would include his indwelling presence, his gifts, his wisdom, and his transforming power. Imagine what the full harvest of the Spirit will bring to us! The Aramaic can be translated 'the awakening of the Spirit.'"

[TPT footnote]