

# Our Aim Should Be to Mature

*This teaching article contains a "hard" message, so if you don't want to receive it, stop reading now.*

Before addressing maturity, there's some background that I need to cover first, because this is quite an important message as it's one that contradicts the evangelical mindset.

The root of the misconception is our propensity to believe everything that's doctrinal and also whatever is taught from the pulpit. We must get away from that because we are sons of God, not Christians – at least, that's what Father expects of us. Sons follow Father, not men.

The correct understanding for us as sons is that man-made systems, including the church system and the Christian religion, did not originate in Heaven and are therefore not a part of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. If we don't assent to that knowledge and agree with it, it shows that we are not operating with the mind of the King, but with our inferior human thinking instead.

Until we fully change and allow ourselves to be totally de-programmed and then re-programmed by him, we cannot comprehend what a son really is and how sons are meant to think and operate.

In addition to reprogramming, we need to have all religion and legalism purged from our heart and mind so our sonship isn't impaired. These two "killers" are the ones the enemy uses to keep us in a false narrative which states that religious activities and keeping commandments are what pleases the King. That trickery (which was first introduced by Nimrod) radically controls our understanding of what's acceptable to the Trinity, which is actually faith and relationship, not works, ceremony and clergy (read "pastors" there as well).

Jesus (Jesus of Nazareth) taught his disciples the Kingdom way of operating and that's what we need to align with. It's important while doing that, however, that we are mindful of the fact that he was talking to people under the Old Covenant, just before the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of Judaism, and in a very different civilization. Not everything he said was relevant for us in the New Covenant.

I've taught on all this over and over again since 2012, and it may seem like I'm 'harping' on the matter. But, if we don't get it and change our mind, we'll stay stuck somewhere between where we came from and where Father's destiny is for us. It's that important.

You see, while ever we stay entrenched<sup>1</sup> in the biblical teaching of the 1<sup>st</sup> century and church doctrine from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries, we'll miss a great deal of what we need to know **today**. That's an heretical statement, I know, but Jesus said that the Spirit would lead us into all truth, not anything produced by people. Jesus spoke heresy quite often, and he received attacks for that from the religious clerics of his day. That actually occurred while he was trying to re-school them into alignment with the Kingdom of Heaven, the one he was reintroducing back onto the Earth. However, they stuck with their religion (Judaism) and they eventually killed him for his heretical life and teaching. Likewise, we'll reject his message for us today if we don't allow ourselves to change so we align with Kingdom reality.

To be sure, there's a wealth of truth in the NT, but our King is the way, truth and life, not a holy book. He is "The Truth", and if we need to know anything, he's the one who will teach us. Either that, or he'll confirm what's right in what we already believe. Nothing and no one other than him and the Spirit are our instructors. That's why we must use his discernment to assess everything we hear, see or think up. Our church teaching, from the experience of myself and countless others, won't take us to complete alignment with his knowledge. Unfortunately, that's the fallacy of doctrinal infallibility which has been believed by generations in the past.

I know I'm hitting a nerve with what I'm writing, but that nerve is either religion or legalism operating in your mind. That's because the religious spirit will always be working to take us away from Kingdom and spiritual reality – that's a fact.

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<sup>1</sup> – SEE: "The End of *Sola Scriptura*" [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/The-End-of-Sola-Scriptura.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/The-End-of-Sola-Scriptura.pdf)

I write all that to lay a platform to address maturity. I'm NOT referring to religious maturity, but Kingdom maturity. We know what the former looks like as we've been under the control of clergy and pastors for a long time. Their theological and spiritual maturity was set as the epitome for us, but that was another fallacy. We only have one maturity to look to, and that's the one exhibited by Jesus of Nazareth.

**IMPORTANT:** Jesus is our prototype, according to what Father has told us.<sup>2</sup> We are to grow up (mature) to be like he was as a man. He's the mold<sup>3</sup> that we need to be modelled after, no one else.

This fact has been hidden from us because we were taught that Jesus was God-man, so he could do anything, whereas we can't. What we fail to realise is that he was the first Spirit-filled human being, a forerunner of the New Covenant. He was a man who had the spirit of The Son in him, that's true, but there's more facts than that. He voluntarily gave up his deity and operated fully via the Spirit and by his relationship with Father. His deity never came into his work or the way he operated. Knowing that fact now, you can see that he was no different to us.

We were also taught that he was perfect, so Father was able to use him, but he can't use us. That teaching goes this way: We're not perfect, so we're unable to measure up and become like him. Actually we are already perfect in Father's eyes because of the work of the cross. We may not function perfectly, but that doesn't stop us being able to live like him and do what he did. After all, he said we'd do greater works than him.

My hope is that you can now see that the maturity level of Jesus of Nazareth (not the ascended man Jesus who is our King) is what we should be aiming for.

Of course, the first reaction will be to baulk at his standard because we don't think we can make it. But, like parents say to children who baulk at challenges, "Aim for it and see how far you can get." The second reaction will be a compulsion to make ourselves holy. That would be a big mistake, because we're already holy (consecrated, sanctified), and that's by Jesus' blood. There's no need to go down the path of the holiness movement and get into bondage, we just need to allow him to change us from the inside out so we operate more and more righteously.

Overcoming those few doctrinal traps is the way forward to mature in our sonship so we become who Father wants us to be. We need to reject them and renounce our submission to them. We then need to work on our relationship and oneness with the Trinity so they can train us and teach us as we travel along the road of our maturity.

**IMPORTANT:** Each of us may never get to be as mature as Jesus was. However, that's not our end goal. Our goal (aim) is to mature as much as we can in this life, nothing more.

All we need to do is keep in alignment with Father and let him oversee our lives so we can be trained because we're surrendered to him. Unfortunately, we are our own worst enemy in this.<sup>4</sup> The outcome of that is: The limit to which we fully surrender each component of our lives will determine where he's able to work. Even then, it's how much 'rein' we let him have in any area that determines what he's able to do there so that we move further into maturity.

**DON'T BAULK AT THE HIGH STANDARD OF JESUS' MATURITY,  
JUST DESIRE TO BE MORE MATURE THAN YOU ARE TODAY**

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3 – "mould" is a fungus.

4 – "Who is Our Worst Enemy?" <https://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Who-is-Our-Worst-Enemy.pdf>