

Talked about power of God yesterday, today want to look at some power He's given to us.

John 1:1-3 KJV — In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John starts his gospel in Genesis. He speaks of the Word being both with and being God.

John 1:4-5 KJV — In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

God is the only thing that can give life. Anything that is alive received the life from God. We must first have life to be able to comprehend that we've been given life.

John 1:10 KJV — He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

The word world is used three times and it means three different things. 1. He was human 2. Creation 3. People in general (not everyone since John the Baptist, Mary, etc knew Him)

1 John 5:19 KJV — And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

This world is all the non-elect

Romans 11:12 KJV — Now if the fall of them [Jews] be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

World=gentiles

John 3:16 KJV — For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

World=those God loves

Acts 17:31 KJV — Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

World=the elect (because they are judged righteous) = the world in John 3:16

John 1:11 KJV — He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

Who's the "own"? The Jews (most of who rejected the Gospel) Acts 13:46 KJV — Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

John 1:12 KJV — But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

This won't fit even Arminian doctrine since after they received and believed in His name they are not yet "sons of God".

The power here is from Greek:*exousia* (authority, privilege).

Galatians 4:5-6 KJV — To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. They were sons before the Spirit was sent.

(Ephesians 1:4-5 KJV — According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,)

We were chosen before foundation of world, but the legal work was done on the cross. All of that was at least 2000yr ago. We had no part in it. Compare this with the natural adoption process. You choose to love an adopted child with no prior obligation.

In John 1 he's not talking about becoming sons in a legal or relationship way but in a manifest way.

3 John 1:4 KJV — I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Job 1:8 KJV — And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

John 1:13 KJV — Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. They were already sons in a legal sense.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 KJV — Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

That is also referring to a manifest way because it's referring to righteous believers at the top.

Philippians 2:12-16 KJV — Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

"That ye may be...the sons of God" is in a manifest way. It's easier to debate the scripture than to obey. That list is how we manifest we are sons.

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[1 John 3:23 KJV — And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.]

[James 4:4 KJV — Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.]