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Orphan Spirit

God LOVES family

Psalms 68:6

God provides homes for those who are lonely. He frees people from prison and makes them happy. But those who turn against him will live in the desert.

“Orphan Spirit” : condition of the human soul - spiritual condition in which christian refer outwardly to God as Father but reflect differently

1 John 3:1-2

The Father has loved us so much! This shows how much he loved us: We are called children of God. And we really are his children. But the people in the world don't understand that we are God's children, because they have not known him. 2. Dear friends, now we are children of God. We have not yet been shown what we will be in the future. But we know that when Christ comes again, we will be like him. We will see him just as he is.

- This is about the fullness and abundance of life ... not salvation
- Abundant life comes from who we are and what we believe

What we believe of ourselves -> we act -> people will treat us as

Why is having an abundant life hard?

- The devil is always seeking and on the prowl to devour

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven followers went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. 17 On the mountain the followers saw Jesus. They worshiped him. But some of the followers did not believe that it was really Jesus. 18 So he came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth is given to me. 19 So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach them to obey everything that I have told you to do. You can be sure that I will be with you always. I will continue with you until the end of time."

The key to abundant life : JESUS HAS ALL THE AUTHORITY

The difference between Orphans and Sons / Daughters :

ORPHANS	SONS & DAUGHTERS
Think like slaves needing to/must earn their acceptance	Understand we cannot loose the acceptance of God
Live under stress / has a survival mentality	Knows God doesn't Judge you by YOUR performance but by HIS performance
Threatened by success and wellbeing of others "blessings" **Luke 15:11-32	Can rejoice in well being and success of others
Driven by fear and insecurity	Secure in the Father
Rely on guilt and shame to keep themselves humble	Rely on grace to keep themselves humble
Approach life from the position of powerlessness and passivity	Approach life from the position of power and authority
	Life by a set of rules this world does not recognize

- It is so easy to ask the Lord to reveal what He wants us to see
- God thinks far better of us than we tend to believe