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Whose Child Are You?

Things to Ponder This Week

Introduction

Let us pray for good healthy family relationships where both parents and children have l_____ r_____ for one another, and a certain sense of family pride.

God's Beloved Son

(Luke 3:21-28; Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 3:14-15)

Jesus Christ was born of a v_____, Mary, and although was born into Joseph's household, was conceived by the Holy S_____. He was God become man. Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, not because He had to repent, but to fulfill the r_____ of God. We see God the Father's loving a_____ of Jesus expressed at the time of Jesus' baptism. Jesus lived a s_____ life throughout His time on this earth, and completely fulfilled God's righteousness.

Being a Beloved Child of God

(John 1:12-13; Romans 8:14-17; 5:19; 6:4-7; Galatians 2:20)

We are all born as a s_____, and yet if we receive the Holy Spirit through faith in Jesus Christ as our S_____, we can become a child of God. We are made righteous through our u_____ with Christ! Because Jesus Christ was appointed by God to be our representative in His life and in His death, we can say that Christ lived in our place and died in our place as our representative and our s_____. Thus, we are able to live with the understanding that when Jesus lived a perfect life, we lived a perfect life, and when He died on the cross to suffer the penalty of sin, we died on the cross. All that Jesus did, we did, because of our union with Him. This allows us to have the full a_____ that we are indeed a beloved child of God!

Based on Luke 3:21-22, what can we note regarding Jesus' posture in being baptized? How was Jesus' baptism celebrated and acknowledged by God for all who were present there to see His baptism? What was the significance of what God the Father said concerning Jesus?

Based on Luke 3:23-38, what can be said about Jesus' family line? Are there people who are familiar to you in Jesus' genealogy? When we think of representation (such as Adam being the representative for all mankind), what is the significance of recording Jesus' genealogy all the way back to Adam, and even God? What has all of us spiritually inherited from our ancestors?

Based on John 1:12-13 and Romans 8:14-17, who can become a child of God? How important is it for us to understand our union with Christ in order to live each day as a child of God? How does it feel to know that God sees you and says, "This is My child, whom I love; with him/her I am well pleased"? Take time to thank Him for His love for you.

Next Sunday, we will look at "Combatting Our Enemy." Prayerfully read Luke 4:1-13, and consider who the real enemy in our life is. Note how Jesus dealt with this enemy.