

Last week, we saw the **positional reality** that those who are born again will abide with Christ by God's Holy Spirit until Heaven...but the **practical reality** is that we can be seduced from abiding in God's truth and the fruit abiding produces. Today we will see positionally we are sons/daughters of God, born into God's family. The strong words/phrases used today demonstrate the powerful position we hold – *behold...beloved...He shall...we shall (3X)*. We will be charged at the end, because of our position, to remain practically _____.

BELOVED, NOW ARE WE THE SONS OF GOD – 1 John 3:1-3

1. Being a son (or daughter) of God is something to _____ – v. 1; John 1:12-13; Rom. 8:16; 2 Cor. 6:18.

- Lucifer and the "sons of God" – Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:4-7; Ezek. 28:12-14; Is. 14:12-14; Ps. 82.

Lucifer (_____ bearer) and "sons of God" were present at the laying of the foundations of the earth filling the universe with praise, joy, honor, and worship of God (Job 38:4-7).

- Adam, the "son of God" – Gen. 1:26, 2:7 (1 Thess. 5:23); Luke 3:38; Rom. 5:12; 1 Cor. 15:45-47.

Adam's commission was to be fruitful, multiply, and _____ the earth with sons/daughters of God who would bear God's image and love, honor, worship, and walk with Him (Gen. 5:1-3).

- Jesus Christ, the "Son of God," and "sons of God" born through Him.

The _____ begotten of the Father (John 1:14, 18; 3:16, 18; 1 John 4:9) =

The express _____ of the Invisible God (Heb. 1:1-3; Col. 1:13-15; 2 Cor. 4:4) =

The _____ way to become a son/daughter of God is to be supernaturally born again through Jesus Christ (John 1:12-13, 3:1-8) =

The commission of Jesus Christ was to destroy the works of the devil restoring the lost _____ of God into new "sons of God" (1 John 3:8; Rom. 8:14, 16, 19, 29-30; 2 Cor. 3:18) =

Lucifer (Ezekiel 28)

He was a special creation

He sealed up the sun

He was full of wisdom

He was perfect in _____

He was anointed by God

He was designed to show forth the glory of God

He was designed to lead sons of God to worship God

His name meant light bearer

Born Again Sons of God through Christ (John 1:12-13)

We are new, unique creatures (2 Cor. 5:17; James 1:18)

We are _____ in Him (Col. 2:10)

We have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16)

God beautifies the meek through His salvation (Ps. 149:4)

We have an anointing that abideth in us (1 John 2:27)

We are designed to shew forth the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light (1 Pet. 2:9)

We are designed to lead others to be born again (sons of God) and to worship God (Ps. 40:3)

We shine forth the light of God in us (Matt. 5:14-16; 2 Cor. 4:6-7)

2. Being a son (*or daughter*) of God has an unrealized _____ (*it doth not yet appear*) manifestation – v. 2; Rom. 8:19-25; 1 Tim. 5:24-25; Rev. 21:1-5.
- *When He* _____ *appear* – 1 Thess. 4:13-18.
 - *We* _____ *be like Him* – 1 Cor 15:47-54; Php. 3:20-21
 - *We* _____ *see Him as He is* – Rev. 1:12-18.
3. Beloved, as sons of God, our understanding and hope in these things are to cause us to be _____ as He is pure – v. 3; Titus 2:13; Rom. 8:24-29; Heb. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Tim. 5:22.