

Receiving "the sonship"

"To redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the sonship."
Galatians 4:5

The way we live to God is not out of ourselves or our efforts. We live to God in our relationship and fellowship with His Son. In the Son we have received the "sonship." Sonship in the New Testament means to have an existence of continually living before God as an object of His love because we are in the One who is continually being loved--the beloved One! This is sonship.

I live to God in the very relationship that Christ has with the Father ("**For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.**" Eph. 2:18). Even though I am still in the flesh and can feel its tendencies and weaknesses, my relationship with God is never disturbed. This is because of a constant infusion of faith that comes from being so flooded with the personal love of my Christ for me. Paul says it in Galatians 2:20: "**..the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.**" Thus, "the faith of the Son of God" was coming to Paul because of his love relationship with the Lord ("**For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.**" Gal. 5:6). This is the way faith operates--simply by abiding in His love.

Despite the presence of the flesh, and even its rumblings, we are not under the law to interact with the flesh or to have any kind of relationship with it. The only thing we do now is keep ourselves in the love of God ("**..keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.**" Jude 21). By this we allow faith to keep infusing us to be completely occupied with Christ. This is how the church is in the reality of Christ. It is by saints being freed from the tyranny of the law and having only one relationship in their lives—Christ!

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