



5786/2026 Our Divine Connection From Babes to Sons – Pt. 3

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Romans 8:14-19 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

As we navigate these end times, it's essential to embrace our divine purpose.

We must recognize that our presence on Earth is by God's design.

We are called to fulfill our roles within a larger spiritual plan as we prepare for the return of Jesus Christ in the rapture.

We are the restrainer holding back the appearance of the antichrist until the fullness of the gentiles come in.

2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.

Being prepared and equipped for this event is crucial for our readiness for heaven and the role we will play in the Millennium.

We must stay focused, as distractions and challenges will arise, and remain connected to God to fulfill our end-time assignments.

Hebrews 9:28 (AMPC) Even so it is that Christ, having been offered to take upon Himself and bear as a burden the sins of many once and once for all, will appear a second time, not to carry any burden of sin nor to deal with sin, but to bring to full salvation (*Total salvation of the spirit soul and the body*) those who are [eagerly, constantly, and patiently] waiting for and expecting Him.

Our preparedness for His return not only expresses our eager waiting for Him but also highlights our unwavering devotion to actively participate in His mission for this church: "To Save the Lost and Transform the Saved."

To Save the Lost: Mark 16:15-16 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.



Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

To Transform the Saved (Make Disciples) Matthew 28:19–20 (the Great Commission), 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

We must commit ourselves here at JLAL to this work with diligence and passion, striving to fulfill our roles until the moment He arrives.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Our preparedness serves as a tangible expression of our expectations for His coming.

What it means to be divinely connected with God

Being connected to God involves a personal relationship with Him, achieved through being born again by accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

Those who eagerly anticipate His return will be the ones truly embracing the profound connection they have with Him. They are tapped into the divine Love that binds us with Him.

In our spiritual union with Him, we find strength and purpose, nurturing our faith and deepening our understanding of His teachings as we prepare for His arrival.

To fully embrace our relationship with Him, we must cherish and nurture our Divine Connection through fellowship and study.

Because we are in Christ, we are connected to the Father.

Romans 8:14-20 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are **sons of God.**

God's desire is to take all of His born-again believers from childhood to sonship.

The process of moving from childhood to sonship is the one Jesus had to go through. **Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born (unto humanity), Unto us a Son is given (by the Father);...**

Jesus had to grow as a human from a Child to a Son

Luke 2:40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. To acquire wisdom from God, four key approaches can be employed: asking for guidance, studying scripture, seeking counsel from



others, and gaining experience through the application of biblical principles in everyday life. Wisdom is fundamentally enhanced as we grow in knowledge and understanding, and it is further deepened by the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

This is why, when Jesus was 12 years old, His parents found Him among the temple leadership.

Hebrews 5:7-10 (NLT) While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God. 8 Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered.

Jesus had to learn (experience) the price of obedience to the Father. Jesus never sins, but there is a price to pay in suffering for doing what God wants us to do at times. In Jesus case, it was mental, emotional, and physical.

Jesus also had to learn and receive the rewards for His obedience to the Father.

Jesus' reward for His obedience.

Hebrews 5:9 In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him.

Hebrews 12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy (*total inheritance*) that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

God used Mary to nurture a child, Jesus, to the place where John the Baptist could proclaim Him as the Son of God.

John 1:32-34 And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. 33 I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34 And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God." *Not the child of God but the Son of God.*

Notice that John the Baptist recognized Him as the Son of God because the Holy Spirit came down on Jesus and rested on Him.

Not only did the spirit come upon Jesus, but it rested upon Jesus, and Jesus walked in the spirit all the days of his life. Walking in the Spirit qualified Him to be proclaimed as the Son of God.

The only ones of us who are classified as sons of God are the ones who choose to walk in the Spirit.

You can be born again and choose to walk in the flesh; it is our choice!

Living a spirit-led life requires a conscious decision, and it may not always match the values of the world around you or your own desires.

Walking in the Spirit is a right that every child of God possesses.



Galatians 5:16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

You only start to grow up in the things of God when you decide to walk in the Spirit.

As we develop from a child of God into mature sons and daughters of God, it's all about giving up control and trusting Him.

To walk in the Spirit means you give your main attention to the Person who is the Holy Spirit, for His development and guidance.

Development- The fruit of the Spirit, which is love. Allow the Holy Spirit to develop all the characteristics of love listed in **Galatians 5**.

Guidance- Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you inherit the promises of God so that we may do our part in establishing the Kingdom of God.

This is why the enemy always wants to keep us focused on our shortcomings rather than on His glory that is within us.

"Glory focus" is the practice of focusing on the presence of God and on walking in his presence or in the Spirit.

As we focus more on walking in the Spirit, His development and guidance, as well as what we are becoming and what we get to do, we will automatically prevent ourselves from fulfilling the lust of the flesh.

What you focus/concentrate on shapes your identity, expectation and experiences.

This notion extends beyond mere visual observation to the realm of mental imagery, often referred to as the "mind's eye." The mind's eye refers to our ability to visualize scenes, objects, and people in our heads. It allows us to create new images and recall past experiences, acting as a "visual plane" for our thoughts.

*All believers develop their mind's eye because of what is written in **2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;***

As believers, we can develop to the point where we can control the imagery of our minds.

Therefore, I'm telling you today, focus on the things of the spirit, and we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

The Bible tells us what to focus/think on in **Philippians 4:8-9 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.**

We must follow the word of God, which defines the things listed, and in **Philippians 4:8-9, we cannot allow the world, influential influence, or any other outside source to define them for us.**