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## **Lesson 144**

# Heirs of God or joint-heirs with Christ?

## Sanctified Works in the Dispensation of Grace

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# Wrongly Deriding Joint-heirs with Christ

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Rebuttal to Bryan C. Ross' Paper Titled: "Ifs Ands and Buts:  
The Two Inheritance Controversy of Romans 8:17"

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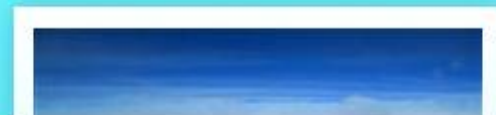
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## TEACHING GOD'S GRACE

*1 Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

What does it mean to rightly divide? Well, in the context, there were teachers in Ephesus who were biblical (meaning, they used the Bible), but they were not dispensational. That is, they did not separate the different ages and programs of God, therefore mixing the issue of the resurrection of the church the Body of Christ with another resurrection. They did not faithfully preach the difference between God's prophetic plan and purpose for the nation of Israel in the earth, and rightly divide it from God's mystery plan and purpose for his people for today, the church, the body of Christ!

Our Apostle Paul calls this the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery (Romans 16:25, Ephesians 3:1-9, Romans 11:11, Romans 11:25, Ephesians 6:19, Colossians 1:26-27, I Corinthians 2:7, Colossians 2:2, Colossians 4:3, I Timothy 3:9).

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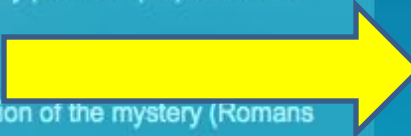
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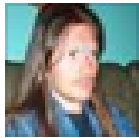
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**Ryan Michael Jones**

August 10, 2013



Not all members of the body of Christ will reign as joint-heirs with Christ, only those that suffer (Romans 8:17, 2 Timothy 2:12); if you aren't in agreement with that, this probably isn't the group for you.

<http://bibleanswersrightlydivided.blogspot.com/2013/02/sonship-edification.html>

### I'm glad you asked...: **Sonship Edification**

This is an outstanding paper...extremely well written and researched on all points. The author develops each theme with "rightly divided" scriptural references which guide the reader to some very obvious and compelling conclusions. I would highly encourage all Grace Believers to invest the time to re...

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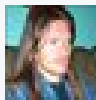
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Ryan, have you asked these gentlemen that you are contending with if they heard of the sonship doctrine before? My guess is that they have but at least ask them. The contending is within context of a local assembly where order can take place. I don't believe anyone is suggesting that Facebook is the context of a local assembly with the appropriate positions of pastor, deacons, & local members holding each other up in the edification of God's word. Without the local assembly there is chaos and that is exactly what I see taking place on Facebook and so many other NON-local assembly forums.

August 19, 2013 at 1:37pm · Edited · Like



**Ryan Michael Jones** To calm your concerns:

They are familiar with the doctrine of joint-heirship (which I prefer over the term sonship because joint-heirship is more to the point, focusing on the goal vs. the means). The local assemblies are currently involved in this issue so no chaos.

I'm putting up this information about the issue of heirs vs. joint-heirs because that is the theme of this "Joint-heirs with Christ" group. The administrator of this group even went as far as to request that this topic was the only one discussed in this group.

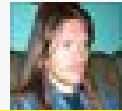
There has been some apprehension to this recently resurged Pauline doctrine and I'm simply addressing common pitfalls I've noticed of those who are questioning this doctrine's validity. This is done to help edify and equip those members of the body studying this issue.

There are plenty of other folks doing the same thing in this group (because that's what this group was designed for) and even on this very post, so I don't know why you're directing your criticism exclusively to me.

If you don't like this topic being discussed for whatever reason, perhaps this isn't the group for you.

August 19, 2013 at 3:24pm · Like

August 28, 2013 at 9:57pm · Like



**Ryan Michael Jones** You have read the paper on the subject written by Matt Stutzman and contributed to by myself and Ron Knight have you not?

<http://bibleanswersrightlydivided.blogspot.com/.../sonshi...>

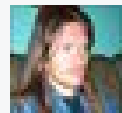


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**Ryan Michael Jones** Your answer to the question is the correct answer. The next question would be: is it possible for that Bible bashing atheist member of the body of Christ to oppose Christ while simultaneously suffering with him? (ongoing process)

August 28, 2013 at 10:56pm · Like





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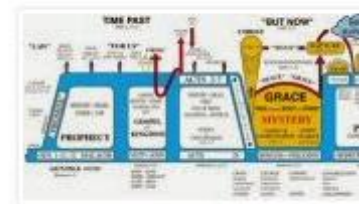
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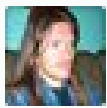
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**Ryan Michael Jones** I think the Pauline concept of sonship or even more so pointed when titled joint-heirship is the most recent "forgotten truth" within Pauline mystery doctrine to be resurged. The purging of religious leaven makes way for the Pauline mystery doctrinal resurgence.

The order of the main points of Pauline mystery doctrinal resurgence to date:

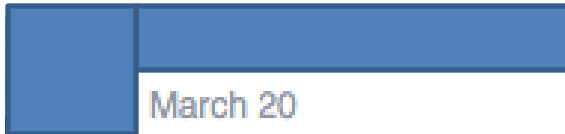
- 1.) Salvation by faith not works (Luther)
- 2.) Pre-tribulation rapture (various)
- 3.) Paul's unique apostolic authority (Darby, Plymouth brethren, etc.)
- 4.) The refinement of when (Mid-Acts [ultimately Acts 9]) the body of Christ began (Baker, O'Hair, Stam)

\*Kind of an aside but worth mentioning:

The issue of God's preserved (KJV) word (Richard Jordan [current further refinement by Bryan Ross]) + God's intervention only being through His written word and the body of Christ (Jordan)

- 5.) Sonship/Joint-heirship (Blades, Newbold, McDaniels, Strelecki, Knight, Stutzman, etc.)

It seems these forgotten truths have been resurged in the reverse order that they were abandoned by the "early church". It seems to me that sonship/joint-heirship may very well be one of the last major aspects of the Pauline mystery doctrine to be resurged which would perhaps indicate that the end of this dispensation may be all the more near.



March 20



I'm finally at peace with the description, "Sonship". Phew... that was a long time coming.

If I can be okay when people say things like "apostleship" or "ambassadorship"... I can understand and be okay with Sonship. 😊

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**Ryan Michael Jones** Sonship can be a loaded term though. Now-a-days many people perceive the term to be synonymous with the Keith Blades study system (involving Proverbs 1 as a framework etc.) since it is often referred to as Sonship Edification and even just "sonship" for short.

March 20 at 11:30am · Like · 👍 2



## The Similarities & Differences Between the Joint-heir Doctrine & "Sonship Edification"



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Published on May 6, 2014

Pastor Ron Knight of Northern California Grace Fellowship discusses the similarities and differences between the doctrine of joint-heirs and "Sonship Edification"



**Anonymous** February 28, 2013 at 6:56 AM

Approving things that are excellent...well done! The body of Christ needs to understand this doctrine, for sure, and I'll be printing it and sharing it as I'm able (looking for open doors). For any brethren that are interested in more "sonship" doctrine, Bro. Mike McDaniel in TX has a series of studies on the web: <http://www.graceage.org/teaching.html>

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**Anonymous** March 1, 2013 at 2:08 PM

If anyone wishes to learn more details on sonship edification then visit the forum by Matthew Yeseta that is dedicated to sonship edification, link: <http://bibledoctrine.freeforums.org/>

You will find many articles about sonship and edification for believer-saints.

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**Anonymous** March 6, 2013 at 9:15 AM

I am so thankful for this paper! After studying the Bible rightly divided for about 5 years (takes a long time to "unlearn" what I was taught by wrong division!) I have just now started to study Sonship Edification. How exciting! I've been using the teaching videos of Pastor Michael McDaniel found here... <http://www.youtube.com/user/MillenniumBible2001/videos?flow=grid&view=0&sort=da>

What a blessing both his YouTube ministry and this blog has been to me, I look forward to learning much more from both of you!

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May 7, 2013 at 11:27 AM

This paper is good introduction but an excellent study on sonship edification can be located online by Mike McDaniels at [graceage.org](http://graceage.org) or on Youtube at [MillenniumBible2001](http://MillenniumBible2001). Also Triangle Bible Church at [www.trianglebiblechurch.org](http://www.trianglebiblechurch.org) has more detailed studies on our purpose on the body of Christ.

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