

VI. Laws of Divine Establishment and the Royal Family Honor Code: Children of God

NOTE: No Bible classes Tuesday, 14 March, or Thursday, 16 March 1995.

Next comes a statement that reminds these believers of their unique status of royal aristocracy and its code of honor, a predicate nominative plural from the noun: *teknon*, plus the genitive of relationship from the noun: *Theos* - “*children of God*”

Through faith in Christ a member of the human race is permitted to become a member of God’s family.

Since our salvation places us “in Christ” we are associated with Him in every aspect of His character.

And one of the characteristics of our Lord’s position as our Savior is that He is King of kings and Lord of lords.

If Jesus Christ is King and we are “in Him,” and if we are considered by God to be His “children,” then it follows that our status is classified as royal family of God.

With this royal status we have tremendous privileges and opportunities which are unique to the royal family and therefore inaccessible to the unbeliever.

Among them are the equal privilege of our royal priesthood which permits us to represent ourselves before God, and the equal opportunity of our royal ambassadorship which appoints us as representatives of God before men.

It is through the former that we worship God and through the latter that we interact with man.

As children of God who are required to worship God through Bible study, we are seen by Him as students.

God has a plan for our lives and we are to learn it and then live it.

The word *teknon* is the Greek word for a child under the authority and discipline of a parent.

The parent sets policy, issues mandates, establishes objectives, and offers rewards for compliance and discipline for noncompliance.

At first, compliance is encouraged through enforced humility.

If compliance is not forthcoming, the law of volitional responsibility creates circumstances which are designed to direct the wayward child back to objectivity and the volitional execution of good decisions.

What you must always remember is that volition is the key issue in the Angelic Conflict. If a person is negative and makes poor decisions, those decisions serve to limit future options.

A person who makes poor decisions cannot expect God to override his folly, circumvent his decisions, absolve him for his lack of responsibility, or suddenly infuse him with common sense.

Volition is the issue. Poor decisions have ramifications. They limit future options. This is designed to return the person to an objective status whereby corrective good decisions can begin.

If a person fails to see the issue at this point, then he goes into denial. He will justify his actions as being right and will grasp at any rationale to support his contention.

This leads to self-deception which is divorcement from reality.

One who is in self-deception becomes totally self-absorbed, believing that his own thoughts, actions, and interests are more important than anyone else’s.

Denial thus begins a process of divine discipline which is God’s attempt to jar the believer back to reality.