

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

On May 19, 2012, we received the following inquiry:

“How many people in history have partaken of the emblems? How many anointed are there now? Have you been counting? When can we know if all the anointed has partaken of their heavenly position with our father?”

To the author, we thank you for posting your questions. As a general answer to your questions, we direct you to the Apostle Paul’s words:

“You are **all**, in fact, sons of God **through your faith** in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, **there is neither slave nor freeman**, there is neither male nor female; for **you are all one [person] in union with Christ Jesus**. Moreover, if you belong to Christ, you are really Abraham’s seed, heirs with reference to a promise.” – *Galatians 3:26-29*

Here we are told that **ALL** who belong to Christ are sons of God. We gain that privileged relationship **through our faith**. There is no distinctions in the Christian congregation such that some are consider slaves and some considered sons. We are **ALL** Abraham’s seed. When we recognize and **have faith** in those words, we receive our anointing.

We know many of our brothers are having trouble with that concept. They are stuck on the idea that only 144,000 are **sons** of God and the remaining 7 million of us are only **friends** of God and **subjects** of the Kingdom. We have posted several articles that establish the sonship of every member of the Christian congregation under the section entitled **Building Up the Brotherhood**.

And we are finding that our most recent series of articles entitled **The Cherished Earthly Hope** is having a significant impact on our brothers who are having trouble understanding their sonship. We encourage you to read that series for further clarification of the hope held out to members of the Christian congregation.

Really, when we understand the truth that we are **ALL** sons of God, how can we count the number? And why count the number? In truth, the only number that is relevant is the number that are **NOT** partaking. Those are the ones who need the kingdom message the most.

Our suggestion is that you not worry about numbers. Concern yourself with people. Make it your mission to share the Kingdom message that we are **ALL** children of God. That is the good news of the Kingdom.

We hope we have adequately answered your questions. If not, please feel free to write again.

“Elaia Luchnia”
