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The Power Of Belonging To God's Family !



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As a boy, I grew up on a farm in Ohio. One of our primary crops there was field corn. It was very important because it was a money crop (or how we paid for our farm, tools and lives) and a certain amount of it was used to feed our live stock. In my day, we used old tractors, corn-pickers and farm wag-
ons to bring our corn from the fields to our corn — cribs. This equipment saved a lot of hard work, but it was often late in the fall when we were able to harvest our corn crop. In that part of Ohio, the land was very flat and would hold a lot of water from the fall rains. Often we would get our equipment stuck in the mud in the middle of the fields. We would try everything to free our equipment from the muddy fields. We would double and triple tractors to try and pull the stuck equipment free from the mud. Sometimes, we would just have to wait for a hard winter ground freeze to finish our corn harvesting. The reason I am sharing this with you is that — **mud is a lot like sin**. Just when you think that you were free from your sin, you would find out that you were completely overcome by your sin again. In our Bibles the great Apostle Paul put it this way:

Romans 7:14-18 CEV

- 14 We know that the Law is spiritual. But I am merely a human, and I have been sold as a slave to sin.
- 15 **In fact, I don't understand why I act the way I do. I don't do what I know is right. I do the things I hate.**
- 16 Although I don't do what I know is right, I agree that the Law is good.
- 17 So I am not the one doing these evil things. The sin that lives in me is what does them. (**This is our inherited sin nature.**)

Romans 5:12 KJV Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

- 18 know that my selfish desires won't let me do anything that is good. Even when I want to do right, I cannot.

When true Christians talk about how that they have been "SAVED" - They are not just talking about the fact that their sins have been forgiven. No, if they really understand what God's Word says about "True Bible Salvation", they are talking about being made free from the "POWER" of our carnal "Sin" nature. This is at the heart of "Real Bible-Based Gospel Salvation" If all you ever get is forgiveness from your past sins, and not power over your "Sin Nature", then it will only be a matter of a short time, and you will be stuck in your own fresh sin. That is why we must receive power from God to become an over-comers! **To become a son or daughter of God!**

Corinthians 1:18 *For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*

Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

But as many as received him, **to them gave he power to become the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name: .. John 1:12a