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Key scripture

Mat 17:24-26

²⁴ When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax went up to Peter and said, “Does your teacher not pay the tax?” ²⁵ He said, “Yes.” And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax? From their sons or from others?” ²⁶ And when he said, “From others,” Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are free.

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What is a son?

Mat 17:25-26

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Col 1:13

¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the **inheritance of the saints in light.** ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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What is a son?

- The son is one who inherits
(The slave does not inherit anything)
- The son is free to his own will
(The slave is not free to his own will)
- The son is one who serves the father of his own choice
in love, without receiving wages



Then the sons are free

Free from what?

Phil 3:20

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Then the sons are free

Heb 11:13-16

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has **prepared for them a city.**

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1 Pet 2:11

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

- We have thus become sojourners (exiles) in this world

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Heb 12:22-23

²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

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2 Cor 5:1-8

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

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⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

- We have died with Him to this world and have been

Then the sons are free

1) Christ has set us free from this world

- Our primary citizenship is in heaven, not South Africa
- We have been transferred from darkness into the kingdom of His Son
- We have died with Him to this world and have been raised with him to a new life and a new citizenship
- We have thus become sojourners (exiles) in this world



Then the sons are free

**With this new found freedom, we glorify God and tell
world about His Son, Jesus.**

**In our freedom we become willing servants to His will
this world and for this world, including our government.**

Our hope is not in this world, but in Christ.

Then the sons are free

**2) Because we are free from this world, we are
free from fear and anxiety**

Heb 10:34

³⁴ For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.

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Mat 5:5-12

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my

account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in

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1 Pet 1:6-9

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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Rom 8:15

¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

Then the sons are free

We are not afraid, anxious, or a slave to our circumstances – In South Africa, or in the world, because our future is not bound to this world!

In living for Christ and His gospel, we are truly free from all fear and anxiety.

As redeemed sons of God, we are on our way to heaven, our new home.



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On what is your heart set today?

Are you a son today?

Are you free?

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