**Brethren**

**The Big Picture: Where Have We / Are We going?**

For the months of May and June, we have been or will be presenting our unfathomable riches as follows:

May No Subject

6 16 Related to God through propitiation

13 17 Adoption of sons

20 18 Children of God, sons of God

27 19 Brethren

Jun No Subject

3 20 Made close

10 21 Confident access

17 22 Identification truths: joined to Christ & separated from: I

24 23 Identification truths: joined to Christ & separated from: II

**Related to God through propitiation: Brethren passages**

Adoption of sons, children of God and sons of God are ways in which we are related to God through propitiation, and the other massive spiritual accomplishments of the Father through Christ, by means of the Holy Spirit. Today we will look at a relationship outcome of these things (receiving the adoption of sons, and having been made children of God and sons of God), **that we are Christ’s brethren**. The Scripture passages that bring to light that we are Christ’s brethren are Romans 8:28-30 and Hebrews 2:10-17.

**Romans 8:28-30 (NASU)**

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that **He would be the firstborn among many brethren**; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

**Hebrews 2:10-17 (NASU)**

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings. 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason **He is not ashamed to call them brethren**, 12 saying [referencing Psalm 22:22; Isaiah 8:17, 18],

"I will proclaim Your name to My brethren, in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise." 13 And again, "I will put my trust in Him." And again, "Behold, I and the children whom God has given Me."

14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. 16 For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham. 17 Therefore, **He had to be made like His brethren in all things**, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.