

YOUR SPIRITUAL DNA

GREETING: I am appreciative of the honor of ministering in this HERITAGE service today. When I think about those who labored for the Lord, before my time - and during my life, my heart is filled with gratitude and respect. They served in difficult times and suffered in countless ways to keep the message of Jesus alive in this wicked world. Many were sorely deprived of the conveniences and comforts that we have known - yet they faithfully served the Lord and never turned their back on sacrifice and dedication.

In this service today, there are many senior believers who have lived the life of which the Apostle Paul wrote in **2 Timothy 4:7 - “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.” I respect them and honor them for keeping on, keeping on!**

Will you please stand and say “Thank You” to the senior believers who are in the house today.

PRAYER -

A CHILD OF THE KING

**1. My Father is rich in houses and lands,
He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands!
Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold,
His coffers are full, He has riches untold.**

Refrain:

**I'm a child of the King, A child of the King:
With Jesus my Savior, I'm a child of the King!**

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**3. My Father's own Son, the Savior of men,
Once wandered on earth as the poorest of them;
But now He is pleading our pardon on high,
That we may be His, when He comes by and by.**

Refrain:

**I'm a child of the King, A child of the King:
With Jesus my Savior, I'm a child of the King!**

**4. I once was an outcast stranger on earth,
A sinner by choice, and an alien by birth,
But I've been adopted, my name's written down,
An heir to a mansion, a robe and a crown.**

Refrain:

I'm a child of the King, A child of the King:
With Jesus my Savior, I'm a child of the King!

5. A tent or a cottage, why should I care?
They're building a palace for me over there;
Though exiled from home, yet still may I sing:
All glory to God, I'm a child of the King!

Refrain:

I'm a child of the King, A child of the King:
With Jesus my Savior, I'm a child of the King!

Harriet E. Buell

Introduction:

How can your DNA tell if you're related to someone?

Paternity testing looks at the DNA of two people (often a father and a child) to determine how much of their DNA is the same and how much is different. If the two people share more DNA with each other than would be expected, the test will be positive: they are highly likely to be father and son.

DNA is the material that carries all the information about how a living thing will look and function. For instance, DNA in humans determines such things as

what color the eyes are and how the lungs work. Each piece of information is carried on a different section of the DNA. These sections are called genes.

~~DNA is short for deoxyribonucleic acid.~~ DNA is in every cell of every living thing. DNA is found in structures of the cell called chromosomes. Both DNA and chromosomes are tiny. Scientists need to use very powerful microscopes to see them.

Functions

When DNA works correctly, it helps keep the body functioning properly. DNA helps cells to make the substances called proteins, which the cells need to live. DNA also allows living things to reproduce. The genes in DNA pass along physical traits from parents to children. Sometimes there are mistakes in DNA. These mistakes are called mutations. They can cause diseases and other problems.

Structure

DNA has a complex structure. It is made of chemical substances that are linked together like a chain. Each piece of DNA has two long strands, or chains. The two strands are joined together. They form a shape like a ladder that has been twisted into a spiral.

Chemicals called phosphates and sugars make up the sides of the ladder. DNA also has chemicals called bases. Each base on one strand is joined to a base on

the other strand. The linked bases form the rungs of the ladder.

Genetic Code

There are four different bases in DNA: adenine, thymine, guanine, and cytosine. (I ask the medical people in the house to forgive me if I mis-pronounced those names.) These four chemicals are repeated in different orders over and over again in each strand of DNA. Human DNA contains about 3 billion pairs of these bases.

The order in which the bases are arranged is very important. It forms a code that tells cells to make certain kinds of proteins. The differences in these proteins is what makes different living things—such as a cactus, a gerbil, and two different people—different.

Isn't it amazing that God's creative brilliance makes us unique and special individuals although we are all similar in our collective humanity?

But - God also created a special Spiritual DNA to show our relationship to Him. It is dissimilar to our relationship with each other because this special Spiritual DNA only reveals our relationship to Him. It doesn't have anything to do with cells, or

chromosomes, no chemicals, no phosphates, no sugars, no coding.

Just blood! But - not our blood. Our opportunity to be a child of God is made possible by the blood of Jesus, His one and only Son. It is by the sacrifice of His blood that our heavenly Father welcomes us into His family.

The unique features of our spiritual DNA have little to do with our humanity and everything to do with our spirituality. Only the Bible gives us insight into this special DNA.

No other book or manual, no medical dissertation, no University study, no human think tank can locate this DNA. In fact, in most cases, they actually deny its existence.

Galatians 3:26

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

1 John 3:2

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

I am going to read a number of scriptures that reveal the awesome plan of God for everyone who will

believe. He has made it possible for all humanity to be saved from sin, cleansed from unrighteousness, and welcomed into His eternal family.

Scriptures:

1. You have been chosen by God.

John 15:16

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

John 6:44

44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

1 Peter 2:9 ESV

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

****Jesus made your relationship with God possible**

John 1:10-13

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

****His blood assures you of salvation and eternal security.**

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Hebrews 9:14

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Romans 5:9

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Ephesians 1:7

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace”

****Your righteousness is secure in Him.**

2 Corinthians 5:21

“For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

****Your redemption is secure in Him**

1 Peter 1:18-19

“Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

****Your justification is secure in Him**

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

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Please stand and join me in singing the chorus of **A CHILD OF THE KING**, written by Bill and Gloria Gaither,

Oh yes, oh yes
I'm a child of the King
His royal blood
Now flows in my veins
And I, who was wretched and poor, now can sing
Praise God, Praise God
I'm a child of the King

Bill and Gloria Gaither

CLOSING PRAYER