

CHILDREN OF GOD - FAMILY

- SALVATION INVOLVES AN INTIMATE, PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
- THIS IS MADE POSSIBLE BY AND THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
- THIS RELATIONSHIP IS INITIATED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- GOD GRANTS US THE RIGHT TO BE CALLED, AND TO ACTUALLY BE, HIS CHILDREN!
- JESUS IS NOT ASHAMED TO CALL US BROTHERS!
- THE HOLY SPIRIT MAKES HIS HOME IN US!

God's view of us; His intentions

- Ps 8:4 what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?
- 1Co 11:32 When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.
- (Eph 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.)
- (1Co 3:16-17 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.)
- (Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.)

God, our loving Father; we, God's dearly loved children!

- 1Jn 3:1a How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!
- 2Co 6:18 "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."
- Jn 1:12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-
- Rom 8:14-16 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.
- Eph 5:1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children
(Jn 5:19c-20a because whatever the Father does the Son also does. ²⁰For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does.)

- Pr 3:11-12 My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, ¹²because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.
- Heb 12:5b-7a "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." ⁷Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons.
- Phl 2:14-15 Do everything without complaining or arguing, ¹⁵so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe.
- Mt 5:45a that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.

The family of God; Jesus our brother!

- Eph 2:19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household,
- Eph 3:14-15 For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.
- Mt 12:50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."
- Heb 2:11 Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.

The Holy Spirit; at home *in us!*

- Jn 14:16-17 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever- ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.
- Act 13:52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.
- Rom 8:11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.
- 1Co 3:16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?
- 1Co 6:19a-b Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?
- 2Co 6:16b For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."
- 1Jn 3:24 Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.
- 1Jn 4:13 We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.
- 2Co 1:21b-22 He anointed us, ²²set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.
- 2Ti 1:14 Guard the good deposit (sound doctrine) that was entrusted to you- guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The culmination

- 2Co 13:14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.