



Children of God

We have all heard statements like, “We are all children of God.” Right? Many people identify as children of God and always throw this in the face of the believers, who have no comeback. Well, I have one in this teaching. In other instances, we have heard the Jews say they are the true children of God, heard this before? As God’s chosen people, they claim to be the true children of God.

What does the Word of God teach? Who exactly is a child of God?

1. John 1:12 *“But as many as received him, to them gave he [God] power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:”* KJV *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:* NKJV
 - a) How do we receive Jesus? Keep reading.... It’s by believing on His name. Those who have not believed on Jesus have not received Him. They have rejected Him and if they claim to have received Him, they surely received something else, not Him.
 - b) Notice this is very specific. If you have not received Jesus by believing on His name, you are not a child of God. Not everyone is a child of God. I’m sorry if it leaves you out. You need to get born again to be included. I do not care what your spiritual leader told you or what your religion teaches,
 - c) The Word “sons” is not referring to sex like a “male”. It is referring to a position. It literally means Children. The Greek word “Teknon” which was translated “sons” was also translated “daughters” in 1 Peter 3:6. This further proves that “sons” is not referring to just the male.
 - d) Male or female, if you have believed in Jesus and made Him your personal Lord and savior, you are a son of God. You are a child of God.
 - e) “Power”—is speaking of *“right, freedom, liberty, strength, and authority”*. It is your right. You are a child of God.

- f) You need to see yourself as a child of God because you are. You did not make yourself one. God Himself declared you, His child.

God created everyone in His own image, but this does not make everyone His child. All the people are His creation, but not His children until they receive Jesus by believing on His name.

- 2. Romans 8:14-16 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*

- a) If you are a child of God, the Spirit of God bears witness with your spirit that you are.

- 3. John 5:17-18 *But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. 18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.*

- a) God is your Father, and it is not blasphemy as the religious leaders in the day of Jesus thought. They believed that when one calls God His Father, He is claiming to be equal with God. Sure, this was true for Jesus. He was claiming to be equal with God or deity because He was, but that is not what it means when we call God our Father.

- b) "I think their reasoning about Jesus was true. Jesus was making Himself equal with God because **He was equal with God** (Phil. 2:6). He was God. He was equal with God the Father, and these people should not have sought to kill Him because He was speaking the truth. Jesus wouldn't have called God His Father if He wasn't equal to Him." –Chapter One – Jesus; God, or man? Rich Kanyali

- 4. Psalm 27:10 *When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.*

- a) How many of you do not have a father? How many of you are believers? Well, if you are a believer:

- i) I agree. You are fatherless—you are not FATHERLESS (huge difference) if you have believed on Jesus. No believer is Fatherless. It is impossible to be a believer and be Fatherless at the same time.

- b) Do not seek pity for being earthly fatherless. You have a better Father.

- c) Psalm 68:5 *A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation. **Psalm 82:3** Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. **Psalm 109:12** Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children. **Psalm 146:9** The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down*
- i) I'm not saying that God does not care for orphans. He does. God still loves the fatherless who have not believed on Jesus and will seek them out and provide for them, but they are not His children. He does that for them as His creation that He so loved to send Jesus out to them.

Some of the attributes of our Father

1. Psalm 119:8 *Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.*
 - a) God is a good Father, and He does only good.
2. Gracious and Compassionate Father
 - a) *Psalm 78:38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.*
 - b) *Psalm 86:15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.*
 - c) *Psalm 111:4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.*
 - d) *Psalm 112:4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.*
 - e) *Psalm 145:8 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.*
3. Giving and Generous Father
 - a) *John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*
4. Forgiver

- a) 1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
5. Isaiah 49:13 *Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.*
- a) God, Your Father, is better than a mother. He is more faithful and reliable.
- b) He will never forget you. Do you know what this means? Have you ever felt forgotten? Well, your feelings lied to you because God, your father has never forgotten you. It is not His will to forget YOU!
6. Psalm 46:1 *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble*
- a) Ever present Father
7. **Luke 11:10-13** *For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. **11** If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? **12** Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? **13** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

Matthew 6:25 *Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? **31** Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? **32** (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.*

- a) He provides and supports His children as Fathers ought to do
- b) He pays child support
8. Love

Fathers love their children or at least to say, they should and are expected to. God is no different. He loves us far more and greater than any earthly father or human can. His love is everlasting, incomparable, unmatched, and knows no bounds. It will kick down walls, climb up mountains seek you out, and come after you. Your Father loves you. No matter what you have been told, do not believe it. He loves you more than you will ever know, and He proved it time and again.

- a) 1 John 3:1 *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.*
- b) Jeremiah 31:3 *The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.*
- c) Ephesians 2:4 *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,*
- d) 1 John 3:16 *Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*
- e) Ephesians 3:19-20 *And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,*
- f) 1 John 4:8,10-11, 16 *He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.*
- g) John 17:23 *I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*

Conclusion:

You need to get to a place where you see and address God as your Father because He is if you have believed on Jesus. This is a powerful revelation that will carry you through thick and thin. Your Father loves you and He is for you, even on your worst day. Cheer up, and don't tear up. Cheers, not fears, or tears.

Blessings to you!