



**Who Do You Think You Are? - Part 1 - Sons & Daughters  
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**THE "WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?" CHALLENGE:  
First WHO, then WHAT.**

He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup> They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. - John 1:10-13

**3 TRUTHS OF BEING SONS & DAUGHTERS**

**1) We have been ADOPTED by the Father.**

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. <sup>5</sup> God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. - Ephesians 1:4-5

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. - Romans 8:14-17

**2) We INHERIT the Father's blessings.**

Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan. - Ephesians 1:11

Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.  
- Colossians 3:24

**3) We're called to REFLECT the Father's image.**

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. <sup>2</sup> Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. - Ephesians 5:1-2

**PARABLE OF THE LOST SON (Luke 15:11-32)**

Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. <sup>2</sup> This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them! - Luke 15:1-2

- **We see the Father's heart toward US when we stray.**
- **We see the Father's heart toward OTHERS who are not yet in the family of God.**

"We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!"  
- Luke 15:32