

THE FATHER HEART OF GOD

Children of God

1 JOHN #6

Text: 1 John 2:28–3:10

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God.

1 JOHN 3:1

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BIG IDEA

You do not become God's child by acting righteous. You begin acting righteous because God has made you His child.

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KEY TRUTHS

- Jesus is coming again; abiding in Him produces confidence, not shame.
- The Father's love gives believers a new identity: children of God.
- Our future hope shapes our present purity.
- Righteous living is evidence of new birth, not the cause of it.
- Jesus appeared to take away sins and destroy the works of the devil.
- The children of God are revealed by truth, love, and righteousness.

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MAIN EMPHASIS

- Identity comes before behavior.
- We do not work for adoption; we live from adoption.
- The new birth produces a new direction.
- Christians may struggle, but they do not make peace with sin.
- Abiding in Christ gives boldness for His coming.

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- Abide in Christ daily.
- Refuse to build your identity on performance.
- Let the Father's love shape your holiness.
- Pursue purity because Christ is pure.
- Live as God's child in public and in private.



KEY APPLICATION / CALL
LIVE FROM IDENTITY, NOT INSECURITY.
ABIDE IN CHRIST.
WALK AS A CHILD OF GOD.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to abide in Jesus until He appears?
2. Where have you been trying to earn an identity God already gives in Christ?
3. How does being called a child of God change how you fight sin?
4. What is one way you can walk in purity and confidence this week?

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PRAYER FOCUS

Father, thank You for calling us Your children. Help us abide in Christ, walk in purity, and live from identity, not insecurity. Make us confident in Your love and faithful in holiness. In Jesus' name, amen.

— WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD. WE ABIDE IN CHRIST. WE WALK IN RIGHTEOUSNESS. —