

Sermon: Are We All God's Children?

Series: Fake Verses

Passage: 1 John 2:28-3:10

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Relevant Question: Are We All God's Children?

Main Point: All people have been created in God's Image but not all are God's Children.

Are we all God's Children?

1 John 3:1 (CSB)

¹See what great love the Father has given us that we should be called God's children—and we are!

Who is the "we" that we are talking about?

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Created In The Image of God

Genesis 1:27-28 (CSB)

²⁷So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth."

Psalms 139:13-14 (CSB)

¹³For it was you who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well.

Humans Reflect God:

- Humans are different from everything else in creation.
- We have body and spirit. We have dignity and purpose. We have calling and relationships.

- God creates humans to reflect some of the characteristics of God - goodness, truthfulness, knowledge, and more.

Humans Represent God:

- We all have responsibilities that are ingrained in our souls that display how God has created us differently.
- We procreate and govern creation.

Adopted Into The Family of God

If we have all been created in the image of God, why aren't we all in the family of God?

Humanity has been created to rule over creation as holy, royal representatives of God. Sin entered the original family of Adam and Eve, and now, because of our own sins, humanity has a broken relationship with God.

1 John 2:28–3:2 (CSB)

²⁸So now, little children, remain in him so that when he appears we may have confidence and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

²⁹If you know that he is righteous, you know this as well: Everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

¹See what great love the Father has given us that we should be called God's children—and we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it didn't know him.

²Dear friends, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he appears, we will be like him because we will see him as he is.

1 John 3:10 (CSB)

¹⁰This is how God's children and the devil's children become obvious. Whoever does not do what is right is not of God, especially the one who does not love his brother or sister.

Every adoption begins with a fractured family relationship.

God welcomes sinners into the family of God to have a new identity, new family, and new life with Him through Jesus.

