

We Are Children of God

Main Bible Verse:

(I John 3:2) Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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Summary:

I John 3:1-9 | Genesis 1:26-27

- We are children of God.
 - Everyone in the world is a child of God.
 - Children must be like their Father. Therefore, we must follow the example of Jesus.
 - v(Genesis 1:26a) Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness,
 - v(Genesis 1:27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

In God's image and in His likeness has the following characteristics:

Ephesians 4:23-24

1. Pursue Righteousness

- In God's image means in his Spirit.
 - God is spirit.
- v(Ephesians 4:23-24) to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

John 1:12-13 | Ephesians 4:1 | Philippians 2:5-9 | I John 3:7-9 | I John 3:14

2. Receive Life

- We are God's chosen people.
 - We were all gentiles.
 - We were bought with Jesus' blood to be God's sons and daughters.
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- We must live a life worthy of the calling we have received.
- v(Philippians 2:5) In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.
 - We must follow the way of Jesus.
 - This is a grace of God.
 - This is our responsibility.
 - After we are called, we must return before Jesus, shun evil, and do good.
- v(I John 3:7-9) Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work. No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.

Genesis 4:8 | I John 3:12

3. Walk in the Light (without the light, there is darkness)

- The different life of Cane and Abel.
- v(I John 3:12) Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous.

I John 2:9-11 | I John 3:18

4. Love One Another

- v(I John 2:9-11) Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.
- v(I John 3:18) Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

Romans 8:6 | Romans 8:14

5. Eagerly desire the Holy Spirit

- The Spirit of God lives in us.
 - v(Romans 8:6)The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;
 - v(Romans 8:14) because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

6. Depart from Selfish-Desire and Impurity

I John 3:18-19

7. Walk in the Truth. Keep falsehood and lies far from us.

- v(I John 3:18-19) Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence:

I John 3:9 | I John 3:11 | I John 3:1-3

- To be born of God.
 1. Walk in righteousness
 2. Do not continue to sin

- v(I John 3:9) No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.

3. Love One Another

- v(I John 3:11) For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

4. Believe that Jesus is Lord

5. Guard ourselves. Shun evil and do good.

- The thief will not be able to steal, kill, or destroy.

□ We must act upon these five points in Christ.

- This is how children of God should be like, in God's image and likeness.
- We will become a glorious vessel of God, holy and unblemished.
- This is the new life we receive in God's image and likeness, the greatest blessing of life.

□ (I John 3:1-3) See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Come Let Us Sing

Lyrics & Music by:
Danny Reed

Verse

Lái gāo shēng chàng, lái gāo shēng chàng
ràng wǒmen lái zànmei zūnchóng dà jūnwáng

Chorus

Wéi yǒu tā pèi dé zànmei, yīn tā shì zhǔ
xī zài jīn zài kuài lái jūnwáng!
Wàn xī yào guìbài, wàn kǒu dōu yào chéngrèn;
tā shì zhǔ yé sū, tā shì zhǔ yé sū,
tā shì zhǔ yé sū jīdū

Come let us sing, come let us sing
Come with praise and adoration to the King

Chorus

For He is worthy of praise for He is Lord
Who was and is and is to come
Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess
He is Jesus Christ, He is Jesus Christ
He is Jesus Christ the Lord

Wǒ de xīn yào chēngsòng yēhéhuá
chēngsòng tā de shèngmíng
xiàng yēhéhuá gēchàng wǒ de xīn
wǒ chēngsòng nǐ de shèngmíng

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Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship your holy name

Chorus

Nǐ shì pèi dé pèi dé
pèi dé zūnchóng hé zànměi
nǐ shì pèi dé pèi dé
wànwù jìng bài nǐ

Bridge

Yuàn zūngùì róngyào quánbǐng hé nénglì
dōu guī quánnéng shén
yuàn gè zú gè fāng wànguó hé wàn bāng
jìng bài shén gāoyáng

The Blessing

Offering Worship

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Chris Brown

Shen ci fu bao hu ni

Ta di lian guang zhao yao ni

En dian ci fu yu ni

Ye he hua xiang ni yang lian

Ping an yu ni

Amen

The Lord bless you and keep you

Make His face shine upon you

And be gracious to you

The Lord turn His face toward you

And give you peace

Amen

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He is Jesus Christ the Lord

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Worship His holy name
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Chorus

You are Worthy, worthy
Worthy of the power and praise
You are Worthy, worthy
Lord, we worship You

Bridge

All glory, honor, majesty, and power
be to You alone
All people, nations, and all creation
worship You alone

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Make His face shine upon you
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The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace

Amen