

Questions Through 1 John

Lesson 4: What Does it Mean That We Are Children of God?



- * Being children of God means we have been _____ into God's family. We become God's children through _____ in Jesus Christ, which results in spiritual rebirth (John 1:12–13, Gal. 3:26, 1 John 5:1).
- * Jesus taught that _____ the children of God experience new birth and the opportunity to see the kingdom of God (John 3:3).
- * Presently, we have only _____ knowledge of what it means to be children of God (1 John 3:2–3).
- * John continued with a challenging teaching about _____, concluding with these (1 John 3:9–10). As children of God, we have a new _____ “created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness” (Eph. 4:24).
- * Children of the _____ (John 8:44) make a practice of sinning, but Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil in the lives of God's children (1 John 3:8). As the children of God, we are new _____ in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17), led by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:14).
- * Although at times we still sin, a child of God has “an _____ who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous” (1 John 2:1).
- * We prove ourselves to be children of God by _____ to please and obey our heavenly Father (practicing righteousness) and by loving our brothers and sisters in the family of God (1 John 3:10).
- * Salvation in Christ is pictured not only as a _____ but also as an _____ (Eph. 1:5–6, Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:5).
- * Our _____ as children of God is hidden in Jesus Christ (Col. 3:3; Gal. 3:26). We are no longer orphans or slaves, but sons and daughters (Gal. 4:4–7). We have a good father who loves us and will care for us and supply our needs for all eternity.
- * Our purpose now, as the children of God, is to develop into our full stature and unique potential by becoming like _____ (Rom. 8:29).