



The Children of God (1 John 3:1-9)

Bestowed a Title

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☑ **The right to become children of God...**

☑ **You have Y’shua and you are a child of God, that simple!**

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave **the right**

to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” John 1:12-13 NKJV

☑ **Faith makes you a child of God!** “For you are all sons [children] of God **through faith** in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 3:26 NKJV

☑ **No longer a slave but a son!** “And **because you are sons** [children], God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son [a child], and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.” Galatians 4:6-7 NKJV

☑ **In this world but not part of this world**

☑ **Yet because you are not of the world:** “If you were of the world, the world would love its own. **Yet because you are not of the world**, but I **chose you out of the world**, therefore the world hates you.” John 15:19 NKJV

☑ **They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world:** “I have given them Your word; **and the world has hated them because they are not of the world**, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. **They are not of the world, just as I am not of the**

world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.” John 17:14-18 NKJV

☑ *“Beloved, now **we are children of God**; and **it has not yet been revealed what we shall be**, but we know that **when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.**”*
I John 3:2 NKJV

☑ **Yes, we are children!**

☑ **The Spirit Himself bears witness that we are children of God:** “For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” **The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,** and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” Romans 8:15-17 NKJV

☑ **But, what will be revealed?**

☑ **The glory will be revealed with the revealing of the sons!** “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with **the glory which shall be revealed in us.** For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for **the revealing of the sons of**

God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in **hope**; because the **creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**” Romans 8:18-21 NKJV

☑ **When He is “revealed” we shall be like him—and then we will really see Him as He truly is!**

☑ **Hope would not be hope if we already had it!** “For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. **Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. **For we were saved in this hope**, but **hope that is seen is not hope**; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if **we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.**” Romans 8:22-25 NKJV

☑ **What will happen to get us there?**

☑ **“Remember the Law of Moses**, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. **Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet** Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. **And he will turn** The hearts of the fathers to

the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.””
Malachi 4:4-6 NKJV

☑ *“And everyone **who has this hope in Him purifies himself**, just as He is pure.” I John 3:3 NKJV*

☑ **Be Holy in all your conduct as you prepare for the revealing!**

☑ **Rest your hope fully upon the grace that will come with this revelation...** “Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and **rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ**; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; **but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”**” I Peter 1:13-16 NKJV

Sin is Lawlessness

“Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you know that He was manifested **to take away our sins**, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever abides in Him **does not sin. Whoever sins** has neither seen Him nor known Him. Little

children, let no one deceive you. **He who practices righteousness is righteous**, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose **the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.** Whoever has been born of God **does not sin**, for His seed remains in him; and he **cannot sin**, because he has been born of God." I John 3:4-9 NKJV

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- ☑ *"Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and **sin is lawlessness.**" I John 3:4 NKJV*
- ☑ **Now this all begins to make perfect sense...**
- ☑ Without the correct definition of sin, how on earth can we be pure and holy!?
- ☑ **Sin is lawlessness!** There is only one place in the scriptures in which we see sin defined so simply, so elegantly. **Sin is lawlessness!** What law? It would seem so simple, so obvious!
- ☑ **Y'shua did not come with his own laws!** "Jesus answered them and said, **"My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.** If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on **My own authority.**

He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. **Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law?** Why do you seek to kill Me?" John 7:16-19 NKJV

☑ **Moses gave you...** "The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?" Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel. **Moses therefore gave you circumcision** (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, **so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath?** Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment." John 7:20-24 NKJV

☑ **If you believed Moses!** "Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; **there is one who accuses you—Moses**, in whom you trust. For **if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about**

Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?" John 5:45-47 NKJV

- ☑ **Do not think—but why does everyone teach the opposite!** **“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.”**

Matthew 5:17-18 NKJV

- ☑ **All Scripture is inspired by God**

- ☑ **How do you get equipped?** **“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”** II Timothy 3:16-17 NKJV

- ☑ **The Word of God cuts down to the core!**

- ☑ **God’s word will expose you!** **“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked**

and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV

☑ *“And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.” 1 John 3:5 NKJV*

☑ **He takes away our sins—STEP ONE**

☑ **The Atoning Sacrifice:** “And **He Himself is the propitiation** [atoning sacrifice] for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.” 1 John 2:2 NKJV

☑ **The Shadow**

☑ **Once a year:** “Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went **alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people’s sins committed in ignorance;** the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was **not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing.** It was symbolic for the **present time** in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience — concerned only with foods and drinks, various

washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.” Hebrews 9:6-10 NKJV

☑ **Once for all!**

☑ **How much more shall the blood of Christ:** “But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood **He entered the Most Holy Place once for all**, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, **how much more shall the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit **offered Himself** without spot to God, **cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?** And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.” Hebrews 9:11-15 NKJV

☑ *“Whoever abides in Him **does not sin. Whoever sins has neither **seen Him nor known Him.*****” 1 John 3:6 NKJV

☑ **Does not sin? Whoever sins?**

☑ How do you reconcile this with the reality that you could legitimately know and love God, be born again, and still still fall into sin?

☑ It has everything to do with your heart!

☑ “The sacrifices of God **are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart**— These, O God, You will not despise.” Psalms 51:17 NKJV

☑ Yahweh has never-ending compassion and forgiveness for your weakness, but not for your rebellion! (Also see below in I John 3:9)

☑ *“Little children, let no one deceive you. **He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil**, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy the works of the devil.**” I John 3:7-8 NKJV*

☑ **He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous...**

☑ Practicing Righteousness! Let’s go ahead and make this clear by repeating Paul’s words:

☑ **Knowing the word is how you learn to practice righteousness!** “All **Scripture** is given by inspiration of

God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for **instruction in righteousness**, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." II Timothy 3:16-17 NKJV

☑ **Sin is from the devil and Y'shua came to destroy the his works!**

☑ Pay attention to the technique Y'shua used to "destroy the works of the devil!"

☑ **It is written:** "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "**It is written**, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' " Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.' " Jesus said to him, "**It is written** again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your

God.' " Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For **it is written**, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.' " Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him." Matthew 4:1-11 NKJV

☑ *"Whoever has been born of God **does not sin**, for His seed remains in him; and he **cannot sin**, because he has been born of God." I John 3:9 NKJV*

☑ **Does not sin? Cannot sin?**

☑ Here we are again with this difficult to interpret and very serious mandate! The words are clear and, if we add context, their meaning becomes clear as well. This is something you must contemplate as there are only two who can determine the truth about your sins. Yahweh is one and YOU are the other.

☑ Are you sinning in weakness or are you sinning in rebellion? (Also see I John 3:6 above)

☑ **Willful sin!**

☑ **There is no remedy for rebellion!** “For if we **sin willfully** after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there **no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has **rejected Moses’ law dies** without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. **Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?”**

Hebrews 10:26-29 NKJV

NEXT WEEK

Love (I John 3:10-24)