

## Our Identity as Sons of God

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To understand our identity as sons, we must also understand God's identity as our father. The book of John mentions our Heavenly Father dozens of times, especially in chapters 13-16.

**In John 14, we see these statements about God the Father...**

*6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also ...*

**Jesus and the Father are one. They are separate, but simultaneously, they are one.**

*10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?*

*13 And **whatever you ask in My name, that I will do**, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*

**We ask for things in Jesus' name.**

*15 "If you love Me, **keep My commandments**. 16 And I will pray to the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, **(The Holy Spirit)** whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 **I will not leave you orphans**; I will come to you.*

### **The Orphan Spirit**

Rejection  
Insecurity  
Feeling abandoned  
Jealousy or Competition  
Feeling Worthless  
Feeling like you have to earn God's love

### **Sonship**

Acceptance  
Confidence in God  
Feeling a sense of Belonging  
Self Sacrifice for others  
Knowing your worth comes from God  
Knowing works can't "buy" God's love

**John 14:21** *"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."*

**We have this amazing promise, that if we obey Him, He will manifest Himself to us!!!**

**John 15 gives more insight into God as our Father...**

*1 "I am the true vine, and **My Father is the vinedresser**. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit **He prunes**, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are **already clean** because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 **Abide in Me**, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, **neither can you**, unless you abide in Me.*

**Isaiah 64:4** says *“But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are like filthy rags”*

The idea that somehow a few of us are worthy and others are not, is simply not biblical. None of us are worthy. But through the blood of Christ, and HIS BLOOD alone, we have all been counted worthy. Are any one of your earthly children more worthy of your love than another? No! Though one of your children may not be worthy of your trust, or resources when they have abused them, they will ALWAYS be worthy of your love. Many times, we help our children anyway, even when they don't deserve it, because of love.

## As Christians, Who Are We?

### 1. WE ARE SONS of GOD

#### **Galatians 4:4-7**

*4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to **redeem** those who were under the law, **that we might receive the adoption as sons.** 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” 7 Therefore you are **no longer a slave but a son**, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

#### **Romans 8:12-15**

*12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For **as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.** 15 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.” 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 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.*

### 2. WE ARE FRIENDS of GOD

#### **John 15:11-15**

*11 “These things I have spoken to you, that **My joy** may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 This is My commandment, that you **love one another** as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. 14 **You are My friends** if you do whatever I command you. 15 **No longer do I call you servants**, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.*

### 3. SPIRITUAL JEWS, ADOPTED, GRAFTED IN, THE APPLE OF HIS EYE!

#### **Romans 2:28-29**

*“28 A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. 29 No, **a person is a Jew who is one inwardly**; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person’s praise is not from other people, but from God.”*

### 4. A NEW CREATION

#### **2 Corinth. 5:17**

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!”*

### 5. WE ARE FEARLESS!

#### **1 John 4:18**

*Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. **18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.** 19 We love Him because He first loved us.*

#### **2 Timothy 1:7**

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

### 6. A CHOSEN PEOPLE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD!

**1 Peter 2:4** *“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”*