## Who Is a Child of God?

We love our children, "most of the time." No, we love them all of the time, but there may be times we are reluctant to claim them as our own. Where do these feelings of love and concern for our children come from? Do they just happen? Do we inherit them? Yes, we do. They came from our heavenly Father who loves us and is concerned about us too. I hope today that you have a heavenly Father. Yes, God exists, but that does not make Him your Father, not unless you want to be His child. If you are not a child of God, then whose child are you? There's only one other choice.

A child of God is one who expects their father to return home at any moment. As Christians we need to have confidence about the second coming of Jesus. Many people want to figure out when it will be, but our responsibility is not to know when but to be ready. We need to believe that our heavenly Father may decide to send Jesus at any minute.

A child of God knows their father loves them. People at times will label us. Fat, skinny, ugly, cute, old, young, handsome, bald, but God doesn't have those hang-ups. He took a spoiled brat like me, and said "I love you. Won't you let me adopt you? Won't you come home with Me?" We are quick to disassociate ourselves with unruly children, because we wouldn't want anyone to think they are ours, but God doesn't have to impress anyone. There is no one equal or close to being equal with Him. He simply and plainly desires to give away His love.

A child of God shows their love for their father to the rest of the world. The thoughts that we can be a child of God are great, but even being a child of God has its challenges. The world may not like me because I take a stand on God's word that Satan's world does not accept. We as Christians need to convince the world God is only trying to help. We need to tell them that He is a loving Father who wants to love them too.

I have heard people say that I look like my earthly father. I have not, with my eyes, seen my heavenly Father yet. I don't need to. I just know I am going to be as beautiful as anyone could ever be, and so will you. I am not boasting as much as I am giving you fact.

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