



**“Invitation into Love”  
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“This is love; not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

[1 John 4:10](#)

“See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don’t recognize that we are God’s children because they don’t know him. Dear friends, we are already God’s children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.”

[1 John 3:1-3](#)

**LIVING AS ABBA’S CHILD**

“For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. Any by him we cry ‘Abba, Father.’”

[Romans 8:15](#)

“Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us that we should be called the children of God! An so we are.”

[1 John 3:1](#)

1. Embracing a new identity.
2. Understanding a guaranteed destiny.

3. Entering into a highly motivated, thoroughly joyful kind of purity.

I. Embracing a new identity, you are his child.

“No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,[a] neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

[Romans 8:37-39](#)

## **YOU ARE MINE!**

II. Understanding you have a guaranteed destiny.

“Dear friends, now we are children of God and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.”

[1 John 3:2](#)

III. Entering into a highly motivated, thoroughly joyful kind of purity.

“Everyone who has this hope in him purifies him, just as he is pure.”

[1 John 3:3](#)

“Behold what manner of love the Father (Abba) has given to us that we should be called the children of God! An so we are.”

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