

## You are Born of God...the Holy Spirit Tells You So!

### I. Does This Belong Here?



### II. Child, You are Loved by God!

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he

appears<sup>2</sup> we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. – 1 John 3:1-2

See <sup>2</sup>how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and *such* we are. – 1 John 3:1 NAS

The Father has loved us so much that we are called children of God. And we really are his children. – 1 John 3:1 New Century Version

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! – 1 John 3:1 NIV

What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are. – 1 John 3:1 The Message

And we are writing these things to you so that our joy may be complete. – 1 John 1:4

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you know that you have eternal life. – 1 John 5:13

"And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. <sup>29</sup>If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

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that when he appears<sup>1</sup> we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.” – 1 John 2:28-3:2

“It is as if the Father’s love is so unearthly, so foreign to this world, that John wonders from what country it may have come.”<sup>1</sup>

“Behold, what manner of love! Words, of course, become meaningless at this point; there is nothing to do but to gaze upon it and to wonder at it all, to stand in amazement and in astonishment...Just realize what it means, the freeness of it all, that you and I should be called and become children of God! The freeness of this love that has looked upon us in spite of our sin, in spite of our recalcitrance, in spite of our unworthiness, in spite of our foulness as a result of the Fall and our own actions. Oh, the love that has not merely forgiven us but has given itself to us, that has entered into us and shared its own nature with us; stand in awe at the greatness of it all! Think of what it cost him, our Lord Jesus Christ, came into the world, to live in the world, suffering its treatment, staggering up Golgotha with that cross upon His shoulders and being nailed to the tree. Think of Him dying, suffering the agony and the shame of it all in order that you and I might become the children of God.”<sup>2</sup>

### **III. But How Do I “Know” This?**

“...because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” – Romans 5:5

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<sup>1</sup> John Stott, The Letters of John

<sup>2</sup> Martyn Lloyd-Jones

That which was from the beginning, which we *have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands*, concerning the word of life... - 1 John 1:1

One of his disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side... - John 13:23 ESV

There was reclining on Jesus' bosom, one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. – John 13:23 NAS

One of his disciples, the one Jesus loved, was reclining close beside Jesus. – John 13:23 HCSB







And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship. – Acts 20:37-38

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears<sup>3</sup> we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. – 1 John 3:2

"...God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." – Romans 5:5

"Perhaps the greatest assurance of salvation that we have is this: the Spirit will only leave us if Christ is faithless, yet he will never be faithless. So we have the Spirit and thereby the sign of God's love forever."<sup>3</sup>

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. – Revelation 21:4

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family<sup>3</sup> in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power *through his Spirit* in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. – Ephesians 3:14-19

#### IV. What Do I Do?

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<sup>3</sup> Wyatt Graham, Gospel Coalition, Canada

“The Holy Spirit is not a performance-enhancing drug for Olympic Christians. He is life for the dead, strength for the weak, hope for the exhausted, cleansing for the filthy, wisdom for the wayward. Our dear friend the Holy Spirit is, through the merit of Jesus, for us!”<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Ray Ortlund, Jr.