

Thanks For Giving Us Life 1

Part 2

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VERSE:14 *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.*

When you hear the word “Children of or Family of God” what comes to your mind? Do you think about your family only or another family that you idolized while growing up or on television? We can choose to run away or disown our birth family but we are still members of that family.

Some families can choose who they want as members of their family through adoptions. Most families must accept the cards that they are dealt and choose to do better. Through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus we can become the Children of God that transcends all ethnicities and origins. Praise the Lord somebody!

Paul makes a contrast between the children who are not led by their earthly passions and sins. To be identified as a Child of God indicates that you have repented from your sins and received the message of salvation in Christ Jesus. At that very moment you were sealed by the Holy Spirit in your confession of faith in Christ as stated in **Ephesians 1:13 -14 ESV** **13** *In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,* **14** *who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.*

It was then you became a Child of God! When you received the Holy Spirit, He did not put "you in bondage but released you from sin and the fear of death. Your victory over sin allowed you to engage in a close Parent- Child relationship with God. You are no longer under the reign of terror that you experienced while trying to hide your sin from God and others. **Psalms 103:12 NIV** *“as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgression from us.”*

The life of Jesus was sacrificed for our sins because of Gods’ love that we may have Eternal Life in His presence. Christ rose from the grave **with all power and authority... not some power... not some authority** but all **power and all authority!** We call upon His name as

Children of God and He intercedes on our behalf to the Father. Since we have the victory, why allow the enemy to torment us with the memory of sins that have been forgiven and tossed in the sea of forgetfulness!

VERSE:15 *So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."*

The Spirit of the Lord is **Pure, Holy** and **Righteous** altogether. He has come to assure us of our salvation by His indwelling presence, **leading** us and **guiding** us into all **Truth**. **Truth** does not **limit** us; **Truth** does not **blind** us **Truth liberates** us from the **fear** of the **Unknown, Death, Hell** and the **Grave**. The Bible says in **II Corinthians 3:17 NKJV** "**Now the Lord is Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.**"

Being filled with God's Spirit is the only way we can truly be identified as **God's Children**. His image has been **restored**, His likeness **renewed** and His character in us is **witnessed** by others. As His children, He recognizes our cry when we call upon our Heavenly Father. Whom we affectionately call "**Abba Father**" with uplifted hands anticipating the comfort of being in His loving arms.

Paul says in, **1 Timothy 2:8 NIV** *Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.*

APPLICATION:

If we are willing to follow, the Holy Spirit will lead us into Christ's presence.

The indwelling of Holy Spirit empowers us with the wisdom from above.