

Children of God

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Main scripture: 1 John 3: 1-18

Supporting scripture: Romans 5:6, 8-9

Notes:

We are no longer Strangers and in rebellion against God. But because of his love we are now in a position to be the children of God.

We don't need to be afraid of God we do reverence him and honour him but we are not afraid of him as persons who are in rebellion against God.

Romans 5:6,8-10

We were separated from the love of God but when he saw us he died for us

Every person who is not in a Christ remains under the wrath of God.

Something has to happen for us to see God as He really is.

We need to remind ourselves that we are children of God

We have to remember the blood and sacrifice on Calvary

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

He purchased us with his blood and when he died and appointed you to his gift of grace the blood paid the full price for our salvation. Because of this our body is not our own.

Do you have an expectation to see him as he is?

Anyone who is a son of God lives with this hope as a real hope. My Jesus is coming back and I will see him as he is. There is a hope of his return and he will take us to be where he is.

There is no sin or darkness in Jesus and everything about him is light.

When we got baptized and believed on his name and believed we were identified with him. Old things were passed away through the. Name of the Lord Jesus.

We have the power to be the difference to walk after the spirit as we obey his word.

Anyone who has no regard to what the word says ...because to continue to sin means that we have rejected the plan of salvation and we have no regard to it.

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We reject the gospel and this we reject life.

John is writing to the church saying not because some who does right but still have no knowledge of God means they are righteous. But when we in church who know God keep doing the right it shows we belong to God. The opposite is true that when we are in the church and disregard the word of God we are deceiving ourselves because our works show we belong to the devil.

We maybe in the assembly but living a lifestyle of sin- we are not of God.

A man is born into Gods family can err and sin but as soon as we sin the spirit of the Lord will convict them and when they are convicted they go tot he Lord to fix it. The wayward child continues to live in sin.

Now We can tell who is a child of God and a child of the devil.

John saw Jesus in the flesh and was the same Lord that told John that the world will know that you are my disciples when you love each other.

We have received Love and we have the ability to give love.

The children of God is born of the spirit and that's why we Have the ability to Love each other.

It means we have been given the ability to lay down our own live feed for the brethren.

When we look on folks who are in need and we have the ability to meet that need and meet it (not just pray) we show live.

We have passed through the youth experience and God is developing us in the faith and when we look at younger believers who are not at that maturity we must have the love to know how to handle them in love and patience.

Remind yourself that you came through just because of Gods love for you.

I'm standing here because of others in the faith who invested in me and stood there in my moments of failure and encouraged me. Not words to cripple me but to keep on going.

We are in a family of love. When he shed his blood it was the greatest show of love in this world.

When he came he came as the love of God so that any man who believes on his name can receive the Love of God.

He died for the ungodly and the ignorant. He loved us and would not refuse to head tot the cross. When his blood was spewed out it was out of love. We are recipients of that love this morning and so we don't have to shy away in guilt and fear.

Because you have received Gods love you can't be like Cain who still wants to present sacrifice even though you are not honouring the name of the Lord.

Faith in God can not be in answer and so Abel's sacrifice was accepted but rejected Cains

We can pump all the worship we want to but if it doesn't go to God in faith God will reject that sacrifice.

There are some who walk with the lord and others who want to live their life the way they want to and are angry at the righteous. It's the spirit of Cain.

The spirit of Cain will shed blood. We may not spill blood but there are those who are crying out because a spirit of Cain tried to suppress a believer trying to be with God.

The focus in the main scripture is love.

He is talking to the church!

Many will say "my spirit can't tell him or my spirit cross me when im around him" this is hatred for the brother and sister. If we hate and the love does not flow out of our heart and yes God knows some folks are very difficult to deal with but the greatness of Gods love far supersedes how difficult that person is. God has empowered the life of the believer if he said love your enemy it means he has given you the ability to love your enemy.

It doest mater how good we look if we hate our brother or sister we are a murderer and we don't have eternal life in us.

Love must cost us something. It is sacrificial.

The example of love from a believer to another believer must be sacrificial and must not be cheap.

We have to get back to practical Christianity and live simple and live as brothers.

A man of faith is a man of action you can't just say you have faith and don't show the works produced by faith.

Love protects and cares it's not in a haste it will wait on someone. God is not looking as to how much we can say we love each other but how much we show it.

Do you care for the poor?

Do you visit those in prison?

Do you honour my word?

When you give your offering God is looking on your heart.

Give in love and not to boast. Give and let the love of God flow through you. Not every time it's money and things sometimes it's giving of your time and allowing someone to share what's on their hearts.

Don't record what you give - there is no blessing in that. Give and praise God that you were able to be used of God and share. When you allow yourself to be used of God he will honour you.

Allow the love of God to move through you.

God not looking at your gifting when you have no character and love for the brethren.

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