

Privileged & Empowered *Children Of God*

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Ever had one of those days when the enemy is in your face? "Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you (Acts 19:15)?" Knowing how to respond to Satan's questions, accusations, and lies is critical for good mental and spiritual health.

By Adoption, we are the Children of God.

Romans 9:25-26 As he says in Hosea: "I will call them 'my people' who are not my people; and I will call her 'my loved one' who is not my loved one," ²⁶and, " It will happen that in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,'



➤ Adoption means placing us in a family to which we did not naturally belong. The children of wrath become sons of God!

Ephes. 2:1-10 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephes. 1:5 he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- they will be called 'sons of the living God.' "

Galatians 4:5-6 to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. ⁶Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

Romans 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

Galatians 3:26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,

➤ Adoption means we have full rights to all the privileges of being in God's family. Spiritual growth is involved in the enjoyment of those privileges, but every believer has the right to them from the moment of salvation on.

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By Adoption we are Mighty Through God.

Ephes. 1:18-19 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength,

Enlighten: Greek photizo, fo-tid'-zo; to shed rays, i.e. to shine or (transitive) to brighten up :- enlighten, illuminate, (bring to, give) light, make to see. The concept of illumination relates to the ministry of the Holy Spirit helping the believer to understand the truth of the Bible.

Ephes. 1:20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

Philip. 3:10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

➤ These scriptures give the believer the promise and assurance not only of present power and victory, but also of future glorification. If we desire to know what God is able to do for and through us we are invited to look at the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

2 Cor. 10:4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

Ephes. 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.



Prescription for better health: When you are under spiritual attack feeling depressed, anxious, or suffering from low self-esteem. Verbally confess the following as needed. Be sure to take with prayer and reading of scripture for longer lasting results.

- As God's child, it pleases Him to focus his love on me.
- As God's child I have all the rights and privileges of being a part of His family.
- As God's child, the Holy Spirit is at work in me renewing my hope by revealing the truth of God's Word, the promise and assurance of His present power and the promise of victory.
- As God's child, through the power of the Holy Spirit I have weapons of divine power that make me victorious, breaking down the strongholds of the enemy.
- As God's child, I determine to be strong. I will never give up. I will never give in to anything the Devil throws my way.

