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**An Authentic Believer is a Child of God**

We are children of the ruler of the universe…

Most powerful, supreme being… Creator...

**1 John 2:28-29 (ESV)**

**28  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.**

**29  If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.**

When John writes “and now little children” he is setting up his next letter… He is telling us that we are children of God.

**1 John 3:1-3 (ESV)**

**1  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.2  Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.**

**3  And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.**

**Main Points**

**1. To be a Child of God you have to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. When we believe in Christ we are children of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
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Romans 5:8 (ESV)

8  but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1. **To become a Child of God we all have to come to the realization of what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
2. Vs 1 “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_His free gift that Christ paid for in full.

Romans 8:15 (ESV)

15  For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

3**. Becoming a child of God looks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for all of us.**

1. **When you are a Child of God It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The Responsibility**



1. **The Privilege**

**Now make yourself pure**

**What this means**