

Lesson 11

Child Of God By Faith

We are all children of our parents, but are you a child of God “your Father?”

"For you are all **children of God** by Faith in Christ Jesus. **For** as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ." **Galatians 3:26-27**

It is our faith in Jesus Christ that leads us to become children of God.

To be a child of God and part of His family, we must be born into His Spiritual Family.

Jesus said; "Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of heaven." John 3:3

"Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." John 3:5

Who was Jesus talking to in these verses? What was He trying to explain to this Jewish leader?

Read John 3:1-21

Nicodemus recognized the miracles witnessed to the presence of God. He addressed Jesus as Rabi meaning he recognized Jesus was a teacher. He asked Jesus to explain how a man could be born again and enter the womb of his mother. Jesus said that unless you are born again you will not see the kingdom of heaven.

John 3:4-7

“Nicodemus said to Him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second *time* into his mother's womb and be born? Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again. “

Even in Jesus explaining that the Spirit gives life, Nicodemus still did not understand.

John 3:8-9

The **Spirit breathes where He desires, and you hear His voice**, but you do not know from where He comes, and where He goes; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.

Nicodemus answered and said to Him, How can these things be?

Nicodemus a religious leader of the people still has questions because he has not believed that Jesus is the “Son of God” but importantly note he is still asking and seeking.

John 3:10-15

Jesus answered and said to him, Are you the teacher of Israel and do not know these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, We speak what we know and testify what we have seen. And you do not receive our witness. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how shall you believe if I tell you heavenly things? And no one has ascended up to Heaven except He who came down from Heaven, the Son of Man who is in Heaven. But even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must **the Son of Man be lifted up**, so that **whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

Jesus is explaining the scripture to Nicodemus and showing him the prophecy that spoke about Him as He would be lifted up as on the cross that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16-21

For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life**. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but **so that the world might be saved through Him**. **He who believes on Him is not condemned, but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God**. And this is the condemnation, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than the Light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who practices truth comes to the Light so that his works may be revealed, that they exist, having been worked in God.

This is a good place to show that scripture will support itself if you do not understand one verse look for others to show you the context and the meaning. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the Truth that the Bible reveals. All too often we accept what someone interprets for us because we don't understand. Be like Nicodemus when he did not understand he went to the source and kept asking until he got the answer.

Reference the following scriptures:

Matthew 9:22 – What saved this woman? _____

Matthew 19:25-30 - What is possible with God? _____

Mark 16:16 – You must do what? _____ and be _____

Luke 7:50 - What saved this woman? _____

Luke 8:12 - What did the devil take from them? _____ now they cannot _____

Luke 8:48 What saved this woman? _____

Luke 13:23-27 If few are saved why did Jesus say depart to the unsaved? _____

Luke 18:26 What is impossible with men is _____ with God?

Luke 18:42 What saved this man? _____

John 3:17 Jesus came to this world so that we may be _____

John 5:19-40 Jesus witnesses to His own purpose yet they refused to _____

John 10:9 Jesus is the _____ by which we enter where _____

Acts 2:21 Whoever _____ will be _____

Acts 4:12 There is _____ under heaven by which man may be _____

Acts 15:1-11 There are those who impose man made rules for salvation but we who are saved are given the Holy Spirit and purified our hearts by _____

Acts 16:30-33 What must I do to be saved? _____

Romans 5:9-10 We are reconciled to God by _____ this happened when? _____

Romans 8:24 We are saved by what? _____ in whom? _____

Romans 10:9 If we _____ and _____ we will be saved.

Romans 10:13 If we _____ will be saved

1 Corinthians 1:18 The cross is _____ to the lost but _____ to us being saved

Ephesians 2:5 By what are you saved? _____

As you can see the scripture speaks in many different ways to show us what the Bible teaches us. This list is not exhaustive but do a topical study for yourselves and ask God to reveal what He wants to say through His Word. God does not want anyone to be lost so if we seek He will not let us remain ignorant of His Will.

1 Timothy 2:4 God desires all come to the knowledge of Salvation
 2 Timothy 3:7 Some learn lots of facts or maybe facts but never come to believe
 John 6:44 No one can come to Jesus unless the Father draw them
 Matthew 6:33 Seek first the kingdom of God
 Matthew 7:7 Seek and you will find

What has your faith led you to do with Jesus? We must believe He is the “Son of God”, we must repent from our sinful ways, we must obey as Jesus how to live, we must be baptized with the Holy Spirit who is our seal of redemption, we must seek to follow the example set before us by Jesus we are baptized with water to show the washing away of the old life of sin and rising to a new life in the Spirit living for God’s Will - then you are a child of God. We are saved by the Grace of God not by anything we can or ever will do. The life we live, the deeds we do, and the way we relate to others only demonstrates the faith we have, in the Saving Grace of God the Father, in the person of Jesus Christ. It must be an obedient faith, because God says in James 2:17,20 & 24, "Thus also faith, by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." "But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?" "You see then that a man is justified by works, and **not by faith only.**" A dead faith will do us no good on the Day of Judgment.

Are you a child of God? Examine your life and the faith that you have should demonstrate your “Faith” in Jesus. Have you been baptized into the life blood of Christ so that you can be a child of God?

Hebrews 2:3 says, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

Luke 11:39 And the Lord said to him, Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and the platter clean, but your inward part is full of plunder and wickedness.

John 4:23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such to worship Him.

Hebrews 3:7 -12 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness, when your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My works forty years. Therefore I was grieved with that generation and said, They always err in *their* heart, and they have not known My ways. So I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter into My rest." Take heed, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from *the* living God.

Questions Lesson 11

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- 1) How does faith in Christ lead us to become Children of God?
 1. By being baptized into Christ and having put on Christ
 2. All people are already children of God
 3. Just believe in God there are many ways

Galatians 3:26-27

- 2) We are born like all humans through birth. How are we born of the Holy Spirit?

Matthew 3:11 Matthew 28:19 Luke 3:16

- 3) The “Son of Man” was lifted up so that those who believe in Him would what?
 1. Become a wise person of the times
 2. Not perish but have eternal life
 3. Know that He was a special person and worthy of praise

John 3:14-15

- 4) We are justified by faith and don't need to worry about if we mess up

*James 2:17, 20, &24
Ephesians 2:5*

- 5) Faith that has no outward showing of works is
 1. A dead faith
 2. A living faith
 3. A saving faith

James 2:17

- 6) To be a child of God our faith must cause us to accept and do all the Lord commands.

Matthew 7:21

7) With God anything is possible so who will be given eternal life?

1. Everyone will go to Heaven
2. All sincere religious people are God's children
3. Only God's children who are obedient

Luke 13:23-27

8) Jesus said He was the door. How do we get in?

Romans 10:9-13

9) If we neglect to believe and obey what happens are we still offered salvation?

1. We will be given another chance in purgatory to go to Heaven
2. There will be no escape we will suffer the consequences of our choice
3. We will not be lost God loves everybody

Hebrews 2:3

10) If you had to tell someone how to be saved. What would you tell them? Are there scriptures you know that tell them how? If not make yourself a list and ask God to reveal them to you.

Romans 1:16-32

Romans 11:6

Romans 2:5-13

Romans 12:1-3

Romans 3:23

Romans 13 :10-14

Romans 5:8

Romans 14 :7-9

Romans 6:23

Romans 15 :1-6

Romans 7:14-17

Romans 16 :17-20

Romans 8:1-11

Romans 9:15-16

Romans 10:9

This should give you an idea of how to find the verses.