



“And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.²⁹ If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears,[a] we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.⁸ The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.⁹ No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.¹⁰ This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God’s child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.
1 John 2:28-3:10

Authentic Christianity

1. A true Christian is a _____ of _____

- Born of _____
John 1:13, 3:3-5
- _____ in _____
Ephesians 1:3-5, 2:4; Romans 5:8

You Can Know You Belong to God

2. A true Christian bears the _____ of God’s _____

- Righteousness is our family _____
1 John 2:29; Ephesians 5:1-2
- Righteousness is our family _____
Ephesians 4:20-24

Big Idea

God’s children _____ their Father.
Ephesians 5:1-2

Memory Verse

“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”
Ephesians 5:1-2

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Trust Jesus and begin following Him as my Lord and Savior for the first time today.
- Memorize Ephesians 5:1-2.
- Spend time each day this week thanking God for His love and remembering that I am His child.
- Ask God to show me one area of my life that needs to look more like Him.
- Choose one area of my life where I will intentionally practice righteousness this week.





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John 1:13, 3:3-5
- Chosen in love
Ephesians 1:3-5, 2:4; Romans 5:8

2. A true Christian bears the characteristics of God’s family

- Righteousness is our family likeness
1 John 2:29; Ephesians 5:1-2
- Righteousness is our family practice
Ephesians 4:20–24

Big Idea

God’s children become like their Father.
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