

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called

- Wonderful Counselor
- Mighty God
- Everlasting Father
- Prince of Peace.



"12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 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 [and daughters], by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'

¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him."



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When we receive God we receive a spirit of adoption. This means we are:

- Chosen
- Loved
- Cared For





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Heir:

- a person or group considered as inheriting the tradition, talent, etc., of a predecessor.
- a person inheriting and continuing the legacy of a predecessor.
- a person who inherits or is entitled to inherit the rank, title, position, etc., of another.

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How do we reconcile...

- Doubt
- Questions
- Cynicism
- Poor examples

...with our identity as Children of God?

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Mark 19:14-15

"14 He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Matthew 18:2-3

"2 He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. 3 And he said: 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."





Don't grow

Grow DOWN!

