

Children of God
Life Principles – Part 3
Life Church St. Louis – May 12, 2019
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2 Timothy 1:5 (ESV) *I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.*

1. _____ of God

1 John 3:1 (ESV) *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.*

1A. Transformed by _____

1 John 3:2-3 (ESV) *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. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.*

1B. Delivered from _____

1 John 3:5-6 (ESV) *You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.*

2. Children of God live _____

1 John 3:7 (ESV) *Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.*

2A. Don't _____ sin

1 John 3:8 (ESV) *Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.*

2B. _____ of God

1 John 3:9 (ESV) *No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God.*

3. Children of God show _____

1 John 3:11 (ESV) *For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.*

3A. In _____ to the world

1 John 3:13-14 (ESV) *Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.*

3B. Be committed to _____

1 John 3:16, 18 (ESV) *By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ... Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. How does faith get passed down through families (2 Timothy 1:5)?

1A. Who are children of God (1 John 3:1a, John 1:12)?

1B. Why does the world not know the children of God (1 John 3:1b)?

1C. What transformation of God's children will happen at Christ's coming (1 John 3:2)?

1D. How can the hope of Christ's coming impact a child of God today (1 John 3:3)?

1E. Why do children of God no longer keep on sinning (1 John 3:5-6, 1 John 1:8-10)?

1F. How does knowing who you are as a child of God help you grow spiritually?

2A. What deception is 1 John 3:7 warning us against?

2B. What does it mean to "make a practice of sinning" (1 John 3:8)?

2C. Why can no true child of God make a practice of sinning according to 1 John 3:9?

2D. How can you tell apart the children of God and the children of the devil (1 John 3:10)?

2E. How does the lifestyle of a child of God affect those who are not believers?

3A. What is the fundamental sign of a child of God (1 John 3:11, John 13:34)?

3B. Why does the world hate the children of God (1 John 3:13-14)?

3C. How can we lay down our lives for other believers (1 John 3:16)?

3D. How do the examples in 1 John 3:17-18 show us what God's love is like?

3E. What opportunities will you have this week to put Christ's love into action?