



THE CHILDREN OF GOD

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Jesus' take on child likeness

John 3:3 (AMP)

³ Jesus answered him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that unless a person is **born again (anew, from above)**, he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and **experience**) the kingdom of God.

Why? In order to come out from under Adam and into Last Adam's federal headship.

Luke 10:21 (AMP)

²¹ In that same hour He rejoiced *and* gloried in the Holy Spirit and said, I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have concealed these things [relating to salvation] from the wise and understanding *and* learned, and **revealed** them to babes (the **childish, unskilled, and untaught**). Yes, Father, for such was Your **gracious will and choice and good pleasure**.

Matthew 18:3 (AMP)

³ And said, Truly I say to you, unless you repent (change, turn about) and become like little children [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving], you can never enter the kingdom of heaven [at all].

Context: Whose the Greatest?

John 1:12-13 (AMP)

¹² But to as many as did **receive and welcome Him**, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name—

¹³ Who owe their birth neither to bloods **nor to the will of the flesh** [that of physical impulse] **nor to the will of man** [that of a natural father], **but to God. [They are born of God!]**

You Have Been Sanctified

1 Peter 1:23 (AMP)

²³ You have been regenerated (born again), **not from a mortal origin** (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the *ever* living and lasting Word of God.

1 Corinthians 1:2 (ESV)

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 (ESV)

³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

1 Corinthians 6:11 (ESV)

¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

John 17:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Sanctify: purify, consecrate, hallow, venerate (to regard with great respect)

You Have Been Circumcised

Colossians 2:9-15 (AMP)

⁹ For in Him the **whole fullness** of Deity (the Godhead) **continues to dwell in bodily form** [giving complete expression of **the divine nature**].

¹⁰ And you **are in Him, made full *and* having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and reach full spiritual stature]**. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power].

¹¹ In Him also **you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, but in a [spiritual] circumcision [performed by] Christ by stripping off the body of the flesh (the whole corrupt, carnal nature with its passions and lusts)**.

¹² [Thus you were circumcised when] you were buried with Him in [your] baptism, in which you were also raised with Him [to a new life] through [your] faith in the working of God [as displayed] when He raised Him up from the dead.

¹³ And you who were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh (your sensuality, your sinful carnal nature), [God] brought to life together with [Christ], having [freely] forgiven us all our transgressions,

¹⁴ Having cancelled *and* blotted out *and* wiped away the handwriting of the note (bond) with its legal decrees *and* demands which was in force *and* stood against us (hostile to us). This [note with its regulations, decrees, and demands] He set aside *and* cleared completely out of our way by nailing it to [His] cross.

¹⁵ [God] disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display *and* public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him *and* in it [the cross].

People don't have a problem believing Jesus is in them; they have a problem believing that the devil's no longer in them and that they are no longer evil. Why? Because their experience / lack thereof has been allowed to take ascendance over the truth of the new creation realities found in scripture.

Is circumcision a life long process? NO. it took place in one swoop.

Herein is the mystery of the gospel - we were actually in Him when He was crucified. My own GS revelation lately is this: WE WERE IN DEATH, BORN IN IT, AND IN ORDER TO GET TO US TO SAVE US HE HAD TO DIE TO COME AND GET US!!!!

You were not called to kill yourself everyday, you were already crucified with Christ. [Rom 6:3](#);
He carried Your cross, because He never deserved it.

You Did Die With Christ on the Cross

[Romans 6:6-7 \(AMP\)](#)

⁶ We know that our old (unrenewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him **in order that [our] body [which is the instrument] of sin might be made ineffective and inactive for evil, that we might no longer be the slaves of sin.**

⁷ For when a man dies, he is freed (loosed, delivered) from [the power of] sin [among men].