

# St. Paul's Notes

## Christian Theology 101

### Living Adoption

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John 1:1-13; I John 3:1-10

*"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."* Romans 5:1

Justification has to do with what God does **FOR** us.

Regeneration has to do with what God does **IN** us.

1. Is everyone a child of God?
2. Do we become a child of God?
3. How do we become a child of God?
4. What does it mean to be a child of God?

*"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right **to become** children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."*

John 1:12-13

## Children of God

*"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"*

I John 3:1

*"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith."*

Galatians 3:26

*"God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship." Galatians 4:4-5*

*"God says, 'I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters,' says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18*

You and I **become** children, sons and daughters of God.

*“Because you are His sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.”*  
Galatians 4:6

*“The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”* Romans 8:15

“Abba” -

## **Incorporated into Gods Family**

### **Adoption**

## **Receiving the Child’s Inheritance**

*“Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”* Romans 8:17

*“So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.”* Galatians 4:7

What are the rights of inheritance?

Everything that Jesus has received from God He bestows, makes available to us through the Holy Spirit.

## **The Father’s Likeness**

*“You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”* Matthew 5:13-16

Are you a child of God today?