

I am...



I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139: 14a

A Child of God

Excerpt from "[Am I a Child of God?](#)" for the Today devotional by Calvin Hoogenboorn.

What a delight to be a child of God! This delight is based in the fact that Jesus is my Savior and my Brother.

When I am overwhelmed with personal sin, the relentless attack of guilt, or the fear of punishment, I focus on Jesus my Savior. The Bible tells me that Jesus actually became sin for me ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)). Through his suffering and death he removed my guilt and set me free from condemnation ([Romans 8:1](#)). Jesus is truly a friend of sinners like me.

And when I face life's daily struggles, I focus on Jesus my Brother. Jesus too experienced temptation, betrayal, and loneliness. Because he shared all of life's joy and pain, he is able to and wants to help me.

When I experience through Jesus the Father's uncompromising love, I am simply overwhelmed with gratitude, and I want to live with him and for him every day.

The Father wants all of us to become his children, each one a "living stone" whose life, vision, and purpose are clothed in Jesus Christ. There is no such thing as an "ego-driven Christian." Personal pride betrays the gospel and is ultimately doomed. One becomes and lives as a child of God only through humble repentance, childlike trust, and complete surrender to Jesus Christ. If you want to be his child, you can pray in a way like this:

Dear Lord, thank you for inviting me to be your child. I repent of my sin, embrace Jesus as my Savior, and surrender to your will. Thank you for your amazing love! Amen.

Are you looking for some more devotionals to read with your family that emphasize that **we are a Child of God**? Here are some for throughout December:

[Being the Child of God](#) from First 15
[Seven Breathtaking Privileges of Being a Child of God](#) by Timothy Keller
[We Are God's Children](#) by Billy Graham
[A Living Child of God](#) by Calvin Hoogendoorn

SPOTLIGHT: Christmas Hamper

Today you will be receiving an email with the request for items to complete a classroom Christmas hamper with each of your children. THANK-YOU for helping us model to our students what it means to be CHILDREN OF GOD. Through the hampers, it is our hope that students will experience being the hands and feet of Jesus.