



NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER
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I AM A CHILD OF GOD
Pastor Tito Valdespino | Patterson

1. I can _____ in Christ and stand _____ before him.

And now dear children, remain in fellowship with Christ so that when he returns, you will be full of courage and not shrink back from him in shame. Since we know that Christ is righteous, we also know that all who do what is right are God's children. 1 John 2:28-29 NLT

2. I can _____ my _____ in God's love!

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure. 1 John 3:1-3 NLT

3. I can _____ live under my Father's _____.

Everyone who sins is breaking the law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God. And you know that Jesus came to take away sins, and there is no sin in him. Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who he is. Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: when people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous. But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:4-8 NLT

4. I can _____ my Fathers _____!

Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God. So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God. 1 John 3:9-10 NLT



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1. I can REMAIN in Christ and stand CONFIDENT before him.

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2. I can FIND my IDENTITY in God's love!

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure. 1 John 3:1-3 NLT

3. I can GLAD live under my Father's RULE.

Everyone who sins is breaking the law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God. And you know that Jesus came to take away sins, and there is no sin in him. Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who he is. Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: when people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous. But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:4-8 NLT

4. I can REFLECT my Father's CHARACTER!

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I AM A CHILD OF GOD DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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CONNECT

The sermon begins with the story of being lost at the flea market. Have you ever experienced a season where you felt spiritually “lost,” alone, or like you had to figure life out on your own? What helped (or could have helped) you remember that God was with you?

ENGAGE

Read 1 John 2:28–29. John tells believers to “remain in Christ” so they can have confidence when Jesus returns. What does it practically look like to “remain in Christ” during a busy or difficult week? What are some things that pull you away from staying close to Him?

GROW

Read 1 John 3:1–3. The sermon emphasized, “Live from your identity, not for your identity.” What are some voices (culture, past failures, achievements, relationships, etc.) that compete with God’s declaration that you are His child? How does remembering your identity in Christ change the way you face those voices?

Read 1 John 3:4–10. John says that God’s children don’t make a practice of sin because God’s life is in them. What’s the difference between struggling with sin and becoming comfortable with sin? How have you experienced God’s grace and conviction leading you toward transformation rather than condemnation?

CHALLENGE:

The sermon ended with the challenge to begin each day by praying, “Father, help me live today as Your child. Which of these four truths do you most need to embrace this week, and why?”

- I can remain in Christ.
- I can find my identity in God’s love.
- I can gladly live under my Father’s rule.
- I can reflect my Father’s character.