

THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD

1 John 3:1-3

Introduction: We are either a son or a daughter and were born as such at one time or other. Most of us had a family to grow up in and many of us now have our own family while some of the older among us have already seen their family grow up and move out on their own and now have a family of their own. Yes, we are very familiar with sons, daughters, and the family. Well, God has a family also with sons and daughters. If you are a Christian, then you are either a son or a daughter of God. If we are sons and daughters of God, then:

I. THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A SPIRITUAL BIRTH

1. To get here on this earth requires a physical birth. To belong to God, there is a spiritual birth.
2. Nobody but God can cause anyone to have a spiritual birth.
3. Our physical birth got us here, but the spiritual birth is more important.

II. THERE SHOULD BE A FAMILY RESEMBLANCE

1. As we carry some resemblance to our parents in appearance and actions, so it must be with the sons and daughters of God. They must show some likeness to God, their heavenly Father.
2. It is easy to see who does and who doesn't have a family resemblance. The same is with the family of God.

III. THERE SHOULD BE A LOVE FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

1. It has been said for a long time that "blood is thicker than water." Indicating that loyalty to one's family is far more important than to anyone else.
2. If we have such a strong family love among our own flesh and blood, should there be a lower standard for the family of God?
3. If there is no love shown for other members of God's family, then that person is not a member of God's family for God's sons and daughters love one another.

IV. THERE SHOULD BE DEVOTION TO GOD, THE FATHER'S, INTERESTS

1. Strangers don't care about you nor your property, only you and your family.
2. God's sons and daughters care about God's House, the unbeliever, the backslidden, living a pure life because God, the Father is interested in these things.

3. As we care for our things here, so should we care for the things of God also. If a person does not care for the things of God, then that person is not a son or daughter of God.

V. WE ARE TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH HOME

1. We stay in touch with family members here by calling, sending cards, emailing, visiting.
2. Our Heavenly Father wants to hear from us as well and wants us to stay in touch with one another.

VI. WE ARE SUPPORTED BY THOSE AT HOME

1. When a family member goes off to school or on a trip, we support them in whatever way we can.
2. As God our Heavenly Father supports us, His sons and daughters, we are to also support one another.

VII. WE WILL BE GOING HOME ONE OF THESE DAYS

1. Remember going home finally from being gone a long time?
2. Remember your childhood days when you were called in from play at the end of the day?
3. Someday our Heavenly Father will call out to us, "It's time to come home, now..."

VIII. THERE WILL BE A WELCOME FOR US WHEN WE GET HOME

1. Remember who was waiting for you when you got home from that long time away?
2. Remember those family reunions, Christmas time, birthdays, weddings?
3. What a reunion it will be when God gets all His sons and daughters finally home to stay.

CONCLUSION:

1. Are you a son or daughter of God, the Heavenly Father?
2. If so then you belong to the most wonderful family that could ever be.
3. If you are not or you are not sure, then know this, the Heavenly Father has room for you and wants you to be a part of His wonderful family.
4. The Heavenly Father will give you your needed spiritual birth when you believe in His Son, Jesus with all your heart and soul.