The Child of God

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Introduction

Why should you take the time to read this booklet? There are 2 reasons why this booklet should be considered. There is a broad deception that is eternally fatal and the deception is that everyone is a child of God. The truth is that not everyone is a child of God. The first reason to read this booklet is because it will reveal if a person is a child of God and this booklet will explain how to become a child of God. Then, there is another question of why should a person want to become a child of God. The second reason to read this booklet is because it will explain the benefits of becoming a child of God.

Just as a child craves for the security that his father is especially focused to love, protect and care for him, so there is a deep yearning to have that same security that God is dedicated to especially love, protect and care. This security is found only when a person is a "Child of God.

The 14th chapter of the fifth Book of the Bible opens with one of the most dramatic statements in Scripture where Moses said,

> Ye are the children of the Lord your God
> Deuteronomy 14:1

That is a statement that carries vital security. To be told by God that I am a Child of God satisfies the longing anxiety of the heart to belong and be cared for. The ultimate direction of God and the Bible is to bring a person to the place where God can say, "You are now a child of God." All that God has done and all that God and the Bible is driving towards is to achieve for every

person the title of, "Child of God." When a person receives the title of, "Child of God" his life is guided and changed by daily repeating, "I am a child of God."

To have the title of, "Child of God" brings to the heart hope. The Bible says that the child of God must be ready to give answers to the questions of, "How did you get this hope?" and, "How has this hope made you different?"

> Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you
> 1 Peter 3:15

These are the 2 important questions for the child of God to answer:

1. How did you become a child of God?

2. How has being a child of God made you different?

The Child of God is loved by God

No one can become a child of God unless God first loved the person as the Bible says in

> Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God
> 1 John 3:1

It was only God's love that opened the door of possibility to become children of God. If God through His love did not open that door, there was no way that the door could be opened to become a child of God. Before all other reasons the child of God confesses, "I am a child of God **because** God loved me"

The Child of God has repented

No one was ever born a child of God. The Bible says that the problem for every person is simply

> All have sinned
> Romans 3:23

And that problem of universal sin has made man "of the devil"

> He that committeth sin is of the devil
> 1 John 3:8

This means that the natural state of man is

> Joh_8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.
> John 8:44

In order to become a child of God a person's sins must be forgiven. The Bible says that a person must repent to have his sins forgiven

> Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins
> Acts 2:38

Jesus said that unless a person repents of his sin that he will be lost forever

> I tell you, Nay: but, **except ye repent,** ye shall all likewise perish.
> Luke 13:3

A person cannot become a child of God unless he repents of his sins.

The child of God says, "I am a child of God **because** I repented of my sins"

The Child of God has Received Jesus Christ

The Bible says that Jesus Christ is God the Father's gift to the world

> Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son
> John 3:16

The gift of Jesus Christ to the world is so great that it cannot be encircled with definition

> Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift
> 2 Corinthians 9:15

A gift is an offer. The beauty of a gift is that a gift is not forced on a person. A gift is an offer. A person does not have a gift unless a person receives the gift. Jesus Christ is God's gift to the world, but a person does not have the gift of Jesus Christ unless he receives the gift of Jesus Christ.

The Bible says that when a person receives the gift of Jesus Christ that that makes a person a child of God

> But as many as received him, to them gave he the power (authority) to become the sons of God
> John 1:12

A person becomes a child of God when he receives the gift of Jesus Christ. The child of God says, "I am a child of God **because** I received Jesus Christ."

The Child of God has been Born Again

Once a person receives Jesus Christ a great change happens on the inside. The Bible describes the start of this great change as a new life that begins with a new birth.

> But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: (13) Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
> John 1:12-13

A child of God says, "I am a child of God **because** I was born again"

The Child of God has put his Faith in Jesus Christ

There is a popular T shirt that has on its front the word, "Believer" and the T shirt give no indication what the person believes. To believe implies that a person is relying on or putting confidence in what he believes in. the Bible says that a child of God has put his faith in Jesus Christ.

> For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
> Galatians 3:26

Putting faith in Jesus Christ means to study what Jesus said and to believe what Jesus said and to rely on what Jesus said. For example Jesus said in

> Joh 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live
> John 11:25

To have faith in what Jesus said means that if I put my faith in Jesus Christ that I will not fear death because I rely on Jesus who said that death is just a door to endless life.

So, the child of God says, "I am a child of God **because** I put my faith in the person of Jesus Christ"

The Child of God has been Purchased

When we sinned → we sold ourselves into the slavery of sin as Jesus said in

> Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.
> John 8:34

Since everyone has sinned, everyone is a servant or slave of sin. By our sins we sold ourselves into a slavery to sin. In order for us to be freed to become a child of God, we must be freed by being purchased. The Bible explains the price paid to buy us out of sin's slavery.

> Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; (19) But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:
> 1 Peter 1:18-19

Redemption is a wonderful word because redemption means to be bought. A person cannot become a child of God unless he is bought.

A child of God says, "I am a child of God **because** I am bought with the blood of Jesus."

The Child of God has been made Near to God by the Blood of Jesus Christ

The Bible describes how sin creates a great distance between God and man.

> But your iniquities have **separated between you and your God**, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.
> Isaiah 59:2

Our sins made us to be far from God and we could not become children of God if that great separation remained between us and God. Something had to bring us close to God. The Bible says that the blood of Jesus Christ brought us near to God

> But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh (near) by the blood of Christ.
> Eph 2:13

The child of God says, "I am a child of God **because** I was brought near to God by the blood of Jesus Christ.

The Child of God is Adopted by God

From birth a person was not a child of God and the Bible describes life from birth with the word, "without."

> That at that time ye **were without Christ**, being **aliens** from the commonwealth of Israel, and **strangers** from the covenants of promise, having **no hope**, and **without God** in the world
> Ephesian 2:12

Everyone from birth is a child of the devil. In order for a person to become a child of God, he must be adopted by God. The Bible describes how a person becomes a chlid of God by adoption by God.

> The **adoption** of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will
> Ephesians 1:5

> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (15) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of **adoption**, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. (16) The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God
> Romans 8:14-16

> That we might receive the **adoption** of sons.
> Galatians 4:5

The child of God says, "I am a child of God **because** I have been adopted by God."

These are the 8 answers to the question, "How did it happen that you became a child of God?"

I am a child of God because God loved me

I am a child of God because I repented of my sins

I am a child of God because I received Jesus Christ

I am a child of God because I am born again

I am a child of God because I put my faith in Jesus Christ

I am a child of God because I was bought with the blood of Jesus Christ

I am a child of God because I was brought near to God by the blood of Jesus Christ

I am a child of God because I was adopted by God

Now, let's turn to the question of, "How is a child of God different?"

The Child of God is different because he has Access to God

We are know that it is like when you have called on the phone wanting to speak to a certain person and there is a screener who answers the phone and you ask for that person and you get the question, "Whom may I say is calling" and you say your name and you hope the person takes the call. My father was a doctor and would call for him at the hospital → and I would say, "May I please speak to Dr. Cantor" and I would be asked, "And whom may I say is calling?" and I would say, "I am his son" → I loved to say that because I knew that there would be no more questions asked → They just put my Dad on the line. All I had to say was, "I am his son" and I had access to my father. That was an access which others did not have. That was an access which I uniquely had because I was a child of my father. All I really had to say was, "I am his son" and he took the call.

It is so wonderful to start out a prayer to God and say, "Lord, this is your son" and know God will take the call. That is called, "access" God because a person is a child of God and the Bible says a child of God has access to God.

> We both have **access** by one Spirit unto the Father
> Ephesians 2:18

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different because I have **access** to God as my Father."

The Child of God is different because he is Changing

When a baby is born → he starts on a course where he changes. And from the time a person is born again, he starts to change and the Bible says that he will continue to change until he sees Jesus.

> Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
> 1 John 3:2

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different because I have changed and am changing and will change till I am like Jesus."

The Child of God is different because he is in the Family of God

When a person becomes a follower of Jesus Christ, he may be rejected by his own family. The Bible says that God takes a child of God into His family.

> When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.
> Psalm 27:10

The child of God has a new family. The Bible says that the family of God is made up of those who have been gathered and brought together from the whole world.

> He should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.
> John 11:52

Jesus said that He would bring the family of God together as one people who are made up of Jews and Gentiles.

> And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.
> John 10:16

Jesus said that the bond that ties the family of God together is stronger than biology or ancestry or what in Hebrew and Yiddish is called, "Mishpacha."

> Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. (48) But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? (49) And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! (50) For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.
> Matthew 12:47-50

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different because I am part of and belong in a new family, the family of God"

The Child of God is different because he will be Brought to God

There are questions about the ultimate future that haunt a person who is not a child of God and those questions are:

> What will happen to me after I die?
> Where will I be after I die?
> Where will I spend eternity?

But, the child of God is not haunted by those questions because he believes that Bible which says that the child of God will be brought to Heaven.

> For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in **bringing many sons unto glory.**
> Hebrews 2:10

Jesus prayed to God the Father to have the child of God with Him for eternity and to see the glory of Jesus in Heaven.

> Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.
> John 17:24

Jesus said that He is preparing a place for each child of God to be with Him forever.

> Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. (2) In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told

> you. I go to prepare a place for you. (3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
> John 14:1-3

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different **because** Jesus will bring me to my new home in Heaven where I will be with Him and see His glory"

The Child of God is different because he has a New Love that Changes him

God does not want a person to wonder if he really is a child of God. The Bible gives tests for a person to use to check to see if he really is a child of God. One of those tests is to check to see if he has a love for all the children of God and that if he has a love that motivates him to obey God.

> Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. (2) By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.
> 1 John 5:1-2

The child of God believes that Jesus is the Messiah and says, "As a child of God, I am different because I love other believers and I have a new love for God that causes me to obey God"

The Child of God is Different because he does not Use Repetitions in Prayer

Prayer is a special direct communication between a child of God and God and God wants the child of God to think before he prays. Many "religious" people think that there are official words that need to be repeated in prayer in order to get through to God. Jesus said, "Don't do that."

> But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.
> Matthew 6:7

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different **because** I don't use repetitions in prayer"

The Child of God is different because he is not "Lucky"

There is a wonderful custom in Japan before eating food where everyone bows their head and says, "Itadakimas" which means, "I humbly receive." The Bible tells us to put all of our lives into a "Itadakimas" state of consciousness where all of life is viewed as an "Itadakimas" receiving from God

> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights
> James 1:7

A child of God is different because the child of God does not say he is lucky. The child of God does not have an Irish god.

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I see all I have as coming to me as gifts from God."

The Child of God is different because he sees God as the Ultimate Provider

The common view of origins is that the world came into existence without God where first there was a big bang and then order and life and man evolved into being. The Bible calls this belief a "willful ignorance."

> For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth
> 2 Peter 3:5

A child of God looks at the world and see the Creation of God. A child of God looks at animals and man eating and sees God feeding.

> Your heavenly Father feedeth them
> Matthew 6:26

A child of God looks at the beauty of symmetry and colors and sees God clothing with symmetry and beauty.

> God so clothe the grass of the field
> Matthew 6:30

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different **because** I see the world as created by and provided for by God my Father"

The Child of God is different because he has Purpose in Life

Most people wander through life without any view that they will have to give an account to God for their life. The Bible describes the life goal of this person as living only for himself seeking personal pleasure with the financial security of not having to work.

> And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.
> Luke 12:19

The Bible calls a person a "fool" who lives without any concern that he will have to give God an account for his life.

> But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? (21) So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.
> Luke 12:20-21

In contrast, the Bible describes the child of God as having a calling to serve God.

> And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: (23) And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me
> Exodus 4:22-23

Jesus sends the child of God on a mission to preach the good news that Jesus can save man from his sins.

> Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.
> John 20:21

> And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.
> John 4:14

> And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
> Mark 16:15

The life purpose of a child of God is to preach that Jesus Christ can save from sins. The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different because I preach the Gospel"

The Child of God is Different because he is not Afraid to Die

The thought of dying is enslaving fear and the Bible describes this fear of dying like being a slave.

> Who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage
> Hebrews 2:15

Jesus frees the child of God from this fear of death by promising the child of God that he will immediately be with Jesus after he dies.

> Luk 23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.
> Luke 23:43

The Bible says that even death cannot separate a child of God from the love of God.

> For I am persuaded, that neither death…shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
> Romans 8:38-39

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different **because** I do not fear death."

The Child of God is Different because he has a Revealer

God is the author of the Bible and Jesus said that He is the central theme of the Bible.

> Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.
> John 5:39

No one can understand that Jesus is God and the Messiah through just study alone. No one can alone understand that Jehovah is Jehovah Jesus.

Only by the revelation of God can a person understand that Jesus is God and the Messiah.

> And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (17) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.
> Matthew 16:16-17

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different **because** God revealed to me that Jesus is both God and the Messiah"

The Child of God is different because he is Corrected

People who are not children of God oftentimes appear to be on "easy street" with no problems in life.

> For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. (4) For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm. (5) They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men.
> Psalm 73:3-5

They appear to sin and get away with sin with no consequences. God corrects the child of God so that when the child of God sins he does not get away with sin.

> Heb 12:7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?
> Hebrews 12:7

The reason the child of God does not get away with sin is because God as a Father has a special love for the child of God.

> For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.
> Proverbs 3:12

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different **because** I am not allowed to get away with what others get away with"

The Child of God is different because he is not Lonely

Loneliness is a terrible state. Right after man was created God declared loneliness as not good.

> Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone
> Genesis 2:18

Some people sometimes say that they are not afraid to be sent to hell because they will be there with their friends. But, that is not true. Hell is a place of eternal loneliness. The hell of loneliness does not wait to set in after death. The hell of loneliness happens in the here and now. The terror of loneliness is the fear of becoming unknown and forgotten. To escape loneliness people resort to playing the TV from the moment they wake up until they go to sleep. Bars are popular because bars are an escape from loneliness. A staple on TV was a show that ran for over 10 years and the show was about a bar called, "Cheers" and the motto of the bar was, "Where everybody knows your name."

To remove the fear of becoming unknown and forgotten, Jesus calls the children of God by their names.

> The sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name
> John 10:3

Jehovah Jesus called Moses by his name.

> I know thee by name
> Exodus 33:17

To prevent loneliness all a child of God has to do is to ask God for the companionship of the Holy Spirit.

> If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?
> Luke 11:13

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different **because** with God not forgetting me and with the Holy Spirit as my companion I am not lonely"

The Child of God is different because he is Constantly Reminded that he is a Child of God

In the play, "Fiddler on the Roof" Tevye asks his wife, "Do you love me?" Spouses love to be reminded that they are loved. Sometimes a spouse will ask, "Do you love me?" It is assuring to hear, "I love you." Sometimes all it takes is just a word of, "I love you" or a card, or a gift brings comfort to a longing heart. God knows that we need the constant reminder that we are children of God. God has provided the Holy Spirit to constantly remind the child of God that he is a child of God.

> The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God
> Romans 8:16

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different **because** I have the Holy Spirit constantly reminding me that I am a child of God."

The Child of God is different because he is Forgiven

Guilt is a terrible feeling and there is a yearning to know, really know for sure that I am really forgiven of my sins and Jesus. The child of God is forgiven of all his sins.

> Your Father forgive your trespasses
> Matthew 6:14

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different **because** I am forgiven of my sins"

> Ye are the children of the LORD your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead.
> Deuteronomy 14:1

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different **because** I do not tattoo my body for the dead."

The Child of God is different because he has Hope

The country of Israel was born from the ashes of the holocaust where one third of the Jewish people in the world were killed. The overriding desire for the country of Israel can be summed up in one word, "hope." The land of Israel became for the Jews, the country of "The Hope." The title of the national anthem of Israel is, "The Hope" or "Ha Tikvah."

When a person is about to die, he loses hope.

> Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.
> Ezekiel 37:11

God the Father gives the child of God good hope.

> Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, (17) Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.
> 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different **because** I have a good hope"

The Child of God is different because he has Guidance

Life in the world can seem like walking in a dark cave where the darkness conceals the right way to go. A leader is needed who knows the right way and then leads into that right way. The Bible describes a person who is not a child of God as in a debilitating darkness that forces him to sit down.

> The people which sat in darkness
> Matthew 4:16

The Bible says that God guides the child of God.

> Jer 31:9 They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will **I lead** them: I will **cause them to walk** by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for **I am a father to Israel**
> Jeremiah 31:9

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different **because** I have a reliable guide to lead me through life"

The Child of God is different because he has a Protector

The phrase, "I got your back" has the meaning that there are enemies who are looking to destroy and it is our back that is vulnerable. That is why, "It's a scary world out there." A protector is needed. God told Pharaoh that He is the protector of the child of God.

> Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: (23) And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.
> Exodus 4:22-23

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different **because** I have God as my special protector"

The Child of God is different because he has Peace

Man has an inner turmoil and unrest. Man has no peace.

> Like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. (21) There is no peace, saith my God
> Isaiah 57:20-21

God gives the child of God peace.

> Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father
> 1 Thessalonians 1:1

> Peace, from God our Father
> Philemon 1:3

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different **because** I have peace from God"

The Child of God is different because he is Cleansed

The Bible says that evil thoughts make the heart dirty with sin.

> For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: (20) These are the things which defile a man
> Matthew 15:19-20

God's invitation is to come to Him to be cleansed.

> Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow
> Isaiah 1:18

The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses man from his sins.

1Jn 1:7 The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

The child of God says, "As a child of God, I am different because I am cleansed from my sins."

All of this and much more makes the child of God so different from those who are not children of God. All of this and more is what it means to be

> Ye are the children of the Lord your God
> Deuteronomy 14:1

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