

# CHILD OF GOD 3 P

You are special, you are valued, you are favored. You are chosen for such a time like this. God knew you before you were born and planned the best purpose for you.

Are you walking in your God-divine purpose?

## For my visual learners:

- Your Identity in Christ from Andrew Marjoram (searchable on YouTube)
- <u>The Royal Priesthood</u> from The Bible Project (searchable on YouTube)

## Personal testimony on my identity as a child of God:

This is an everyday reminder for me to know who I am in Christ, I have to die to my flesh, what does that mean? Not to let my emotions lead me. Everyone has something they deal with, for me it is emotions. I go to the Bible to remind me who I am in Christ, in the Word of God you will see that your identity is not in your job, your family, friends, what your achievements are in life but your true identity is being a child of God. When you know where you come from and what you can do through Christ – you are unstoppable!

## Child of God Bible Study

Open up the Bible or YouVersion Bible app (A physical Bible is better for studies) & take a piece of paper and write your answers down (it's so powerful when you write it down, your heart truly changes with this study!)

## Identity

Who am I?

- Read Genesis 1:27: "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"
- Read Galatians 3:26: "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith."
- Read 1 Peter 2:9: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."
- Read Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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## **Overcoming Identity Struggles**

- 1. What are some common struggles people face regarding their identity?
- 2. How does understanding our identity in Christ help us overcome these struggles?

#### Questions:

- 1. What does the Bible say about our identity as believers?
- 2. How does our identity in Christ differ from worldly identities?
- 3. What are some key verses that affirm our identity in Christ?

## What is my purpose?

- Read Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
- Read Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."
- Read Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
- Read Proverbs 19:21: "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."
- Read Colossians 1:16: "For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him."
- Read Matthew 28:19-20: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

#### Questions:

- 1. How does understanding God's purpose for us affect our daily lives?
- 2. How can we discern God's purpose for our lives?
- 3. What role does prayer and seeking God's guidance play in discovering our purpose?

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- Read John 1:12: "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."
- Read Romans 8:16: "The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."
- Read Galatians 3:26: "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith."
- Read 1 John 3:1: "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

#### Citizenship in Heaven:

- Read Philippians 3:20: "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."
- Read Ephesians 2:19: "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household."
- Read Colossians 3:2: "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."
- Read Hebrews 13:14: "For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come."

### Fruits of the Spirit:

- Read Galatians 5:22-23: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."
- Read John 15:5: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
- Read Ephesians 5:9: "for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth."
- Read Matthew 7:17: "Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit."

#### Questions:

- 4. What does it mean to you personally to be called a child of God?
- 5. How does the concept of citizenship in heaven influence our priorities on earth?
- 6. Which of the fruits of the Spirit do you find most evident in your life? Which ones do you struggle with?

## **Unity in the Body of Christ**

We can't be a Christian alone, we need a community!

- Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-13: "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit."
- Read Ephesians 4:3: "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."
- Read Colossians 3:14: "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."
- Read Romans 12:4-5: "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

### **Understanding Unity in the Body:**

- What does the analogy of the body with many members teach us about unity in the body of Christ?
- How does the diversity of gifts and talents among believers contribute to the unity of the body?

## **Maintaining Unity:**

- What are some factors that can threaten unity within the body of Christ?
- According to Ephesians 4:3, what is our role in preserving unity? How can we actively pursue unity in our churches and communities?

#### The Role of Love:

- How does love contribute to unity among believers, as stated in Colossians 3:14?
- Reflect on 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. How can the characteristics of love mentioned in these verses foster unity in the body of Christ?

## **Unity Beyond Differences:**

- How does Romans 12:4-5 challenge our perceptions of unity in the body of Christ, especially concerning cultural, social, or economic differences?
- Reflect on Galatians 3:28. How does this verse emphasize the unity of believers regardless of their backgrounds?

## **Knowing God as Your Abba Father (Intimacy)**

- Read Romans 8:15: "For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!"
- Read Galatians 4:6-7: "And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God."
- Read Mark 14:36: "And he said, 'Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."
- Read Matthew 6:9: "Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.""

## **Understanding the Concept of Abba:**

- 1. What does the term "Abba" signify in the context of our relationship with God?
- 2. How does the use of "Abba" reflect a sense of intimacy and closeness with God as our Father?

## The Spirit of Adoption:

- Reflect on Romans 8:15 and Galatians 4:6-7. What does it mean to be adopted as sons and daughters of God?
- How does the assurance of our identity as children of God deepen our intimacy with Him as our Abba Father?

### **Prayer and Surrender:**

- In Mark 14:36, Jesus addressed God as "Abba, Father" in a moment of deep distress. What can we learn from His example about prayer and surrendering to God's will?
- How does the intimacy implied in calling God "Abba" influence the way we approach Him in prayer, especially during times of difficulty or uncertainty?

## The Lord's Prayer:

- Explore the significance of addressing God as "Our Father" in the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). How does this model of prayer emphasize intimacy with God?
- How can we cultivate a deeper sense of intimacy with God as our Abba Father through regular prayer and communion with Him?

## **Experiencing Abba's Love:**

- Reflect on your personal experiences of encountering God's love as your Abba
  Father. How has knowing Him in this way impacted your life and faith journey?
- How can we share the love and intimacy we experience with Abba with others in our Christian community and beyond?

### Living as Children of Abba:

- How does knowing God as our Abba Father influence the way we live our lives as His children?
- What practical steps can we take to deepen our intimacy with Abba and live in alignment with His love and purposes for us?

#### Apply to your life:

 How can we practically live out our identity as children of God and citizens of heaven in our communities? Do you want a closer relationship with God? Do you want to know him more personally as your Abba Father? Pray this prayer out loud.

### **Prayer Declaration:**

Abba Father, I want to know you more than just God or my Heavenly Father, but I want our relationship to be closer. Abba, please draw near to me as I draw nearer to you. I desperately need your presence and I want to know your heart more. Speak to me clearly Abba Father and minister to me. I love you and need you, you are first in everything in my life. I glorify your name Oh God. In Jesus name correct and make my paths straight according to Your Word - in Jesus name Amen!

## **6** Call to salvation:

Will you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior today? Or have you known Jesus before and slipped away? He is calling you back! He died for you and me and wiped the slate clean of our sin. We have a second chance. If you want to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior or recommit your life to him, say this prayer out loud right now:

Heavenly Father, I recognize that I am a sinner and that my sin separates me from you. I repent of all my sins and confess Jesus as my Lord and my Savior. I believe with all my heart that God the Father raised Jesus from the dead. Lord Jesus, come into my heart and come into my life. The day I die, when I open my eyes, I will be in your arms. Amen!

Did you give your life to Jesus today? We want to hear from you! **Text saved to (954) 998-4054** one of the TBG members would like to pray for you and connect you with a community of believers.