



Who You Say I Am *Day 3: Chorus 1*

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Scripture Reference

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

– *John 1: 12-13*



Yesterday we focused in quite a bit on the freedom Jesus gives us. Today, let's settle in on the precious place in His family that God gives us – His child. We'll begin today thinking again of our family on earth. We are a child of our parents. Being their child has bestowed many "rights" or privileges: love, encouragement, protection, provision. But it also came with responsibilities on our end: obedience, submission, trust, and even love.

What "rights" did your parents give you as their child growing up? What "rights" do they continue to give you? What responsibilities have you had as their child both growing up and as an adult? How do you think those rights and responsibilities reflect your place in God's family?

Our scripture tells us those who received Him and believe in His name were given the right to become God's child. Unlike being a child of your parents, you have a choice to be God's child. You get to receive Him and believe in Him. God will not force His family upon you. We must embrace Him and welcome Him into our lives. Just as we choose whether to welcome or reject our parents into our lives, we also choose to welcome or reject God into our daily lives.

Reflect on the moment when you welcomed Jesus into your life, when you surrendered it to Him. How did that decision immediately impact your life and how does it continue to impact your life? How do your choices, actions, and thoughts continue to reflect that invitation to God to be a part of your life?



Although we choose to welcome God, the scripture also tells us it is not of human decision that we are born to God. The KJV translation puts it as “nor of the will of man”. We are reminded that our adoption is not through our own efforts, achievements, or actions. Rather, it’s God’s gift of love and grace to each of us. We choose to believe and receive Jesus, and God gives us the gift of being His child. What a challenging but oh so precious paradox.

*Are you trying to **earn** your place in God’s family? How can you instead focus your thoughts on **receiving** the gift that God has already given you as a believer in His Son? Pray today that the Holy Spirit would help you receive God’s gift of adoption, not of your own efforts or achievements, but through His love.*

We are born of God. Just as we often reflect or resemble our earthly parents, God’s children reflect Him. When we accept Christ, we become new people in our hearts, actions, and choices. We desire to obey and follow Him. We desire His will. We can trust in His love for us. We are born again in the image of our Heavenly Father. Isn’t that a beautiful promise?

End today in prayer with your Heavenly Father. Thank Him for all the love He has given you through His adoption of you. Thank Him for giving you the right to be His child, giving you the choice to receive and believe in Him, and giving you a new life. Ask Him to continue shaping you in His image. Praise Him for His love and His grace.
