 In Christ

> See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
> *— 1 John 3:1*

Book: New Testament / 1 John
Topics: children, Father, love, world

Interpretation:
1 John 3:1 shows us how God's love has allowed us to be called children of God. This great love allows us to have a close and personal relationship with our Creator. However, God's love is often misunderstood by the world, and for this reason the world does not recognize us as children of God.

Why is God's love so important?

God's love is important because it is the foundation of our Christian faith. According to *John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

It is because of this sacrifice of love that God has made for us that we can have a personal relationship with Him and be called His children. God's love assures us that we are not alone and that He will always be with us, in good times and bad.

Why doesn't the world know us?

The world doesn't know us because it doesn't know God. *1 Corinthians 2:14* says, *"The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit."*

The only way to understand God's love is *through the Holy Spirit*. The world often sees it as an abstract idea or just another religious belief, but they do not understand the depth and reality of God's love.

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translating the language. *Matthew 7:7-8*

> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
> *— 1 John 3:2-3*

Book: New Testament / 1 John
Topics: children, family, heaven, promises, purification

Interpretation:
The book of 1 John is a letter written by *the apostle John* to strengthen the faith and unity of believers. In this particular verse, John reminds us that even though we are children of God, we still do not know all that God has in store for us. However, the promise of being like Him when He appears gives us glorious hope.

A call to faith and patience

Throughout the Bible, we are reminded that God's plan goes beyond what our eyes can see and our ears can hear. In *1 John 3:2-3*, we are called to be patient as we wait for God to reveal His will.

Sometimes it may seem like life just doesn't make sense, but if we remember that God has a perfect plan for us, we can be confident that if we continue to walk in faith, we will one day see His promises fulfilled.

The desire to be like Christ

This verse also reminds us of the promise of Christlikeness. As children of God, our destiny is to live with Him forever in eternity. This means that at some point we will be transformed and become a new creation, without the presence of sin in our lives. It is important to remember that this transformation is only possible through our love for and dependence *on Jesus Christ*.

Purification through Hope

So how does this hope in *Christ* purify us? The answer is found in the phrase *"just as He is pure." Jesus* is the perfect model of purity and holiness, and by placing our hope in Him, we are encouraged to seek that same purity in our lives. This involves a process of continual renewal and transformation in which we leave behind our old habits and grow closer to the image of Christ.

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> Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.
>
> *— 1 John 5:21*

Book: New Testament / 1 John
Topics: children, idols

Interpretation:
Before we delve into the meaning of this verse, we must clarify what idols are. In ancient times, idols were sacred or divine objects used for worship. Today, while the practice of worshiping idols, such as statues of other religions, still exists, the concept has been expanded to include anything that can take the place of God in our lives.

In our modern society, there are many idols that can take the place of God in our lives. These can include money, work, technology, success, fame, and more. Anything that distances us from God becomes an idol.

The call to **"beware"** of idols implies the importance of obedience. As believers, we are obligated to submit to God and keep His commandments. *Believers must take this call seriously and always be prepared for something to take the place of God in their lives*.

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> Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.
>
> *— 1 Timothy 5:8*

Book: New Testament / 1 Timothy
Topics: children, family, relationships

Interpretation:

The Bible is a book that tells us about the care, love, and companionship we should show to our family. *1 Timothy 5:8* clearly speaks of the responsibility we have as parents or guardians of our immediate family.

The importance of providing for our households

First, we must analyze the meaning of the word *“guardianship.”* This word refers to a person’s responsibility to provide for their loved ones. Guarding includes providing food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and any other needs that a family may have. When a person fails to provide for their family, they deny their faith and are considered worse than an unbeliever. This statement is very powerful and shows us the importance of providing for our loved ones in the Bible.

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> I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.
> *— 3 John 1:4*

Book: New Testament / 3 John
Topics: children, joy, truth

Interpretation:
The *Apostle John*, in his third letter, expresses great joy in the knowledge that his *“children”* (likely referring to the people he led to the gospel) are walking in truth. This verse is a profound reflection on the connection between truth and happiness in the life of a believer.

In the postmodern culture in which we live, truth is often viewed as subjective and relative. However, biblical truth is a truth that transcends subjectivity and relativity. Biblical truth is defined by the very word of God and is the objective reality that God reveals to us about Himself, us, and the world in which we live.

In the Bible, we find universal truths such as God’s love for humanity, the need for forgiveness and salvation, and eternal life. When someone acknowledges and embraces these truths, they experience deep and lasting joy, regardless of their life situations and circumstances.

The joy found in truth is different from momentary pleasure or happiness that depends on circumstances. Joy is found in the assurance that we are living in the will of God and in fellowship with

Him. When we follow the truth that God has revealed to us, we are freed from guilt and fear and find peace and purpose in our lives.

There is nothing more rewarding than knowing God and understanding His plan for us as individuals. When we follow the truth of His word, not only do we open ourselves to freedom from sin and eternal salvation, but His love and our gratitude are also felt in our hearts.

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> They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”
> *— Acts 16:31*

Book: New Testament / Acts
Topics: children, faith, family, Salvation

Interpretation:
The verse in question, *Acts 16:31*, is a dialogue between the *apostle Paul* and a Roman jailer. The jailer, after an earthquake shook the foundations of the prison, approached Paul and asked him what he should do to be saved. The answer was short and powerful!

The meaning of being saved

The idea of ??being *“saved”* is central to Christianity, but what exactly does it mean? Essentially, it refers to being set free from our sinful condition and receiving forgiveness and eternal life. This process of being *“saved”* begins when we believe in *Jesus* and acknowledge that He is our Savior.

The importance of faith

Paul’s advice to the jailer was to *“Believe in the Lord Jesus.”* In other words, believing in Jesus is what leads us to salvation. However, this does not mean simply believing that Jesus existed or that He was a wise man. Faith is a deep personal commitment to Jesus as our Savior, and it involves trusting Him, following His teachings, and turning our lives over to Him.

A promise for the family

The verse also mentions that *“you will be saved—you and your household.”* This promise does not necessarily mean that all family members will automatically be saved, regardless of their faith and personal decision. Instead, it can be understood as an invitation to lead our family in faith, showing them the *way to Christ* and encouraging them to believe.

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> Keep his decrees and commands, which I am giving you today, so that it may go well with you and your children after you and that you may live long in the land the Lord your God gives you for all time.
> *— Deuteronomy 4:40*

Book: Old Testament / Deuteronomy
Topics: children, blessing, law, life, obedience

Interpretation:
The Book of Deuteronomy is a collection of sermons and speeches delivered *by Moses* before his death and the arrival of the Israelites in the Promised Land. In verse 40, we are called to keep God's statutes and commandments so that we can prosper and live long and fulfilling lives. This commandment is not only addressed to us; we are also called to pass it on to our children and future generations.

What are God's statutes and commandments?

God's statutes and commandments are the laws and standards He has set for us. They are found throughout the Bible, from the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament to the commandments of love and service in the New Testament. Essentially, they are God's instructions for living a full and grateful life.

How can God's statutes and commandments help us?

By following God's statutes and commandments, we can experience God's blessing and protection in our lives. Moreover, we can testify to His love and grace by glorifying Him through our actions and decisions. Sometimes it's easy to mistake God's commandments for restrictions. But in reality, they are like a loving father who sets rules to protect his children and guide them on the true path. God's commandments help us make informed decisions and avoid negative consequences.

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> Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever!
> — *Deuteronomy 5:29*

Book: Old Testament / Deuteronomy
Topics: children, awe, blessing, law, obedience

Interpretation:
Deuteronomy 5:29 is found in *Moses'* account of God's commandments to the Israelites. The importance of this commandment is emphasized in this verse, where Moses laments that the people do not always preserve in their hearts the fear and obedience of God, which are vital for their eternal well-being and the well-being of their children. Moses reminds the people of Israel of the importance of keeping God's commandments and living a life of obedience and devotion to Him.

The path of obedience to God

The commandment in *Deuteronomy 5:29* is a call to obedience and the fear of God. The people of Israel were always called to obey God and follow His commandments, promising to receive blessings and prosperity for this obedience. This is true for us today as well. Keeping God's commandments and following His way is the path to a life full of spiritual fruit and blessings.

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> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.
> — *Deuteronomy 6:6-7*

Book: Old Testament / Deuteronomy

Topics: children, family, law

Interpretation:
Deuteronomy 6:6-7 reminds us of the importance of the words of the Bible. These verses tell us that these words must be in our hearts, not just in our minds. In other words, it's not enough to simply read the Bible and memorize its verses; we must internalize its meaning and apply its teachings in our daily lives.

Why is it important to teach children faith?

God always intended for His commandments to be passed down from generation to generation, and this includes faith in Him. Teaching our children faith is crucial so that the next generation clearly understands the importance of following God. Moreover, by teaching our children faith, we can guide them toward a deep and meaningful relationship with God from an early age.

How can we teach our children faith?

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 gives us guidance on how to teach children faith. We should repeat God's instructions to them and talk about them at home, in their daily lives, before bed, and upon awakening. We must purposefully teach them about God and His love for humanity.

Teaching children about faith also means telling them about our own experiences of faith. We must share our personal stories of how God has transformed us and how our faith has changed our lives for the better. This will help them see faith as something human and accessible, not something distant and intangible.

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> Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children.
> — *Ephesians 5:1*

Book: New Testament / Ephesians
Topics: children, following

Interpretation:
In Ephesians 5:1, the Apostle Paul encourages believers to be *“imitators of God, as beloved children”*. Children born into a normal family have family resemblances in their appearance and character. But

what exactly does this mean? How can we imitate God?

Imitators of God mean following His example in our actions. It means living in a way that reflects His love, His justice, and His mercy. God is love, so imitating God means loving others as God loves us. It means living godly and moral lives and striving to do what is right in every situation.

Paul also emphasizes that we are to imitate God as **“beloved children”**. This is an important part of our identity as Christians. In Romans 8:16, Paul says that the Holy Spirit testifies to us that we are children of God. This means that we are loved by God and belong to His family.

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> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.
>
> *— Ephesians 5:8*

Book: New Testament / Ephesians
Topics: children, life, Light

Interpretation:
This verse in *Ephesians 5:8* talks about the transformation that happens in us when we surrender to the Lord and how we are to reflect that light in our daily lives.

First, we can analyze the part of the verse that says, *“For you were once darkness.”* This phrase refers to our former live, before we met *Jesus*, in which we lived in spiritual darkness. During this time, it was easy to fall into sin and stray from the truth. However, everything changes when we accept *Jesus Christ as our Savior*.

The second part of the verse says, *“but now you are light in the Lord.”* When we accept Christ into our lives, we become carriers of His light and love. This light allows us to see clearly and better understand God’s will for our lives. It also helps us distinguish good from evil and make better decisions.

Finally, the verse concludes with the words, *“Live as children of light.”* In other words, we must live our daily lives remembering that we are God's children and carry within us the light He has given us. We must strive to be a reflection *of Christ* in everything we do and always strive to do what is right in every

situation.

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> Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.
> *— Ephesians 6:4*

Book: New Testament / Ephesians
Topics: children, family, law

Interpretation:
In *Ephesians 6:4, Paul* addresses parents directly, telling them not to provoke their children to anger, but to bring them up with discipline and instruction. Why is this important?

What does it mean to “not provoke your children to anger”?

One of the key themes in this passage is the idea of ??not provoking children to anger. When parents allow their negative emotions and behavior to influence the way they discipline their children, it can cause them to react negatively.

Children who are provoked to anger may feel rejected, ignored, humiliated, or even insulted. These feelings can lead to rebellion or deep withdrawal from the family.

Raising in the Instruction of the Lord

Finally, the verse ends with a call to bring up children in the admonition of the Lord. This means teaching them the ways of God, helping them understand His love and His Word. When parents bring God's truth into the lives of their children, they lay the foundation for a life filled with purpose and meaning.

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> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
> — *Galatians 3:26-27*

Book: New Testament / Galatians
Topics: children, baptism, clothing, faith

Interpretation:
Galatians 3:26 reveals the fundamental truth of Christianity: All believers in Christ are children of God. This phrase not only acknowledges divine fatherhood over His children, but also establishes a new identity for followers *of Jesus*.

Faith in Christ Jesus

Divine descent does not depend on human merit, but on faith in *Christ Jesus*. The Apostle *Paul* emphasizes that the Law is not enough to make us children of God, but that we need faith to achieve this relationship of sonship. Faith is the means by which we are led into truth and united to *the Creator* . Through faith in Jesus, we receive divine grace, and our state of sin is cleansed. Faith enables us to know God more deeply and to trust in His love and mercy.

A new meaning of identity

Divine descent gives us a new identity. We are no longer defined by our own actions or things in earthly life, but are children of God. We stop identifying with the world and its standards to embrace our true identity in Christ. This new identity gives us security and confidence in our relationship with God. It means that we are loved unconditionally and that there is a divine purpose in our lives.

The meaning of baptism into Christ

Baptism is an important sacrament in the life of a believer. The act of being immersed in water symbolizes the washing away of sins and renewal in Christ. When we are baptized into Christ, we accept His sacrifice on the cross as a means of salvation and join a community of believers who have done the same.

The Bible verse in *Galatians 3:27* tells us the special significance of baptism into Christ. This verse shows us that when we are baptized into Christ, we become part of Him. We are clothed in His righteousness and can receive a new identity in Him. This means that we are freed from the power of sin and can live in obedience to Christ.

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> No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.
>
> *— Hebrews 12:11*

Book: New Testament / Hebrews
Topics: children, Fruitfulness, harvest, peace, punishment, righteousness

Interpretation:
Hebrews 12:11 talks about divine discipline and justice. The writer of Hebrews compares God's discipline to that of an earthly father, although he points out that divine discipline is far more effective and just.

Why don't we find God's discipline a cause for joy?

The writer of Hebrews acknowledges that God's discipline can be painful and even sad. However, this does not mean that discipline is unnecessary or unhelpful. Discipline is necessary because it helps us grow and mature as Christians.

What does "the peaceable fruit of righteousness" mean?

This verse talks about the "peaceable fruit of righteousness," which is the result of divine discipline. This fruit is none other than the righteousness and spiritual maturity that we receive after God disciplines us. Discipline helps us turn from our wrongdoings, reject sin, and seek and do the will of God.

How can we apply this verse to our lives?

This verse encourages us to trust that God's discipline is for our good. If we are going through a difficult time in our lives, we can trust that God is working to help us grow and mature in our faith. Discipline is not something to be feared, but something to be embraced with humility and openness to God's will.

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> Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.
> — *Isaiah 49:15-16*

Book: Old Testament / Isaiah
Topics: children, compassion, family, love

Interpretation:
One of the most touching and revealing biblical passages is found in *Isaiah 49:15-16*. In this passage, God speaks to His people through the prophet *Isaiah*, using a powerful metaphor that illustrates divine unconditional love, faithfulness, and mercy.

The love and care of our Heavenly Father

The verses begin with a rhetorical question: Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? And the answer is obvious, because a mother's love is such a deep and ingrained instinct that it is impossible to forget a child.

However, God goes further and says that even if a mother forgets her child, He will never forget us. This is an expression of His unconditional love and His role as a loving Father.

This passage deeply comforts and encourages, especially those who feel lonely, abandoned, or hopeless. Knowing that God never leaves us, never forgets us, and always loves us, no matter what, is a truth that fills us with strength and confidence. It is a reminder that no matter how much time passes or how many difficulties we endure, God is with us and holds us in His arms.

The metaphor of the palms of hands

The image of God holding us in the palms of His hands is one of the most comforting in the Bible. This metaphor implies that we are important to God, that He knows us thoroughly, and that we are safe in His loving arms.

The sculpted hand symbolizes that God created us in His image and that we are made for His purpose. The fact that God holds our walls before Him speaks of His constant presence and His eternal protection.

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> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.
> — *John 1:12*

Book: New Testament / John
Topics: children, faith, Father

Interpretation:
One of the most powerful and foundational verses in the Bible is *John 1:12*. It shows us how those who receive *Jesus* and believe in His name become children of God. Not only that, but we are told that these new children of God have the authority and power to live transformed lives and to be examples of love and faith to others.

The Role of Faith and Divine Adoption

To understand this verse, we must first understand that *Jesus* offers believers adoption. This adoption is not like what we see in the earthly world, but rather, it is divine adoption. By receiving Jesus by faith, God has adopted us as His children.

But how do we receive Jesus? The answer is simple: by faith. Believing in the name of Jesus means believing in Him and what He represents. This includes believing that Jesus is the Son of God who died for our sins and rose again on the third day to give us eternal life. Believing in His name means accepting His sacrifice as a substitute for our own sins.

The Power of Becoming Children of God

When we believe in Jesus and receive Him into our lives, we receive unimaginable power. We have become children of God, joint heirs with Christ. This means we have access to all that God has prepared for us. As children of God, we can come to Him with confidence at any time, feeling safe and unconditionally loved by Him.

Moreover, as children of God, we have the authority and power to live lives transformed by His Spirit. We can resist temptation, overcome fear, and find the strength to forgive and love even in difficult circumstances.

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> Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”
> — *Matthew 19:14*

Book: New Testament / Matthew
Topics: children, heaven, Kingdom

Interpretation:
Matthew 19:14 talks about children. With this statement, *Jesus* emphasizes the importance of children for entering the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus’ attitude toward children

Jesus always showed great compassion and love for children, accepting them without judgment or discrimination. This verse shows us Jesus’ attitude toward them: He not only loved children, but He considered them the basis for the exercise of faith and their participation in the Kingdom of Heaven.

What does “Let the little children come to me” mean?

The phrase *“let the little children come to me”* tells us the importance of accepting little ones and not burdening them with a burden they are not prepared to bear. We must learn from them and allow them to relate to Jesus from their own childlike perspective, without trying to force a religion on them that is tailored to us.

Why are children important in the Kingdom of Heaven?

Jesus speaks of the purity and lack of prejudice that children have to emphasize the importance of innocence and humility. To enter the Kingdom of Heaven, we must approach God simply and impartially, like children who are unaware of the dividing lines created by adults in this world.

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> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
> — *Matthew 5:9*

Book: New Testament / Matthew
Topics: children, blessing, peace

Interpretation:
In this famous verse from Matthew 5, Jesus speaks of the blessing of being a peacemaker. Being a peacemaker means having the ability to resolve conflicts and bring peace to those who disagree. Those who have this ability and practice it will be called children of God.

Being a peacemaker is more than just avoiding arguments and quarrels. It is being a person who can defuse a tense situation and help the parties involved come to a peaceful agreement. Rather than seeking violent solutions or imposing force, a peacemaker seeks peaceful solutions that respect all parties involved.

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> A fool spurns a parent’s discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence.
> — *Proverbs 15:5*

Book: Old Testament / Proverbs
Topics: children, Father, mind, wisdom

Interpretation:
The Book of Proverbs is considered a source of wisdom for Christians because its teachings cover several topics that are applicable to our daily lives. One of these topics is advice and how to accept it. In this sense, *Proverbs 15:5* teaches us an important lesson.

What does it mean to be a fool?

In this verse, the word “fool” refers to a person who lacks wisdom and acts without thinking about the consequences of his actions. Such a person does not realize that he needs help or advice and thinks that he is always right. Moreover, he disdains the advice of those who could help him, and in this case, he even goes so far as to disobey his own father.

The importance of accepting correction

On the other hand, this verse also emphasizes the importance of accepting correction. A “wise man” is one who has wisdom and realizes that he does not know everything. He is humble and willing to learn from those more experienced. He accepts advice and uses it for self-improvement and personal growth.

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> Children’s children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.
>
> *— Proverbs 17:6*

Book: Old Testament / Proverbs
Topics: children, family

Interpretation:
The book of Proverbs in the Bible is a veritable guide to wisdom and life advice. Chapter 17, verse 6, is dedicated to one of the most important topics of life: aging and family. This verse encourages us to think about the value of grandchildren for grandparents, as well as the importance of parents for their children. *Proverbs 17:6* shows us that family is a fundamental value in our society and how we should value and care for our elders and our children.

The crown of the elderly - grandchildren

Old age is a stage of life in which wisdom and experience are accumulated. Older people are the bearers of history and tradition, so they deserve special respect and admiration. In ancient times, older people were honored for their knowledge and advice on social, political and religious issues.

This verse talks about the crown of the elderly and their relationship with their grandchildren. It implies that grandparents find great joy and satisfaction in spending time with their grandchildren.

Grandchildren are an example of the values ??and principles that grandparents have passed on to their children and that they now see reflected in their grandchildren. The image of the crown symbolizes the honor and recognition that grandparents receive as they watch their grandchildren grow, learn, and prosper.

Appreciation of the grandfather

In our modern society, the figure of grandparents has often lost its honorable and important place. The fast pace of life and lack of time draw us to an increasingly individualistic lifestyle that distances us from our elders.

However, *Proverbs 17:6* encourages us to remember the importance of grandparents in our lives and in the lives of our children. Listening to their stories, learning from their wisdom, and making them feel important and valued is vital to family coexistence and peace, as well as to a fulfilling life.

The honor of children is their parents

The second element discussed in *Proverbs 17:6* is the value of parents. The relationship between children and parents is fundamental to their emotional development and to building a more humane and just society. Parents are responsible for providing their children with the love, protection, and education that will enable them to develop fully as individuals.

This verse teaches us that children should honor their parents. Honoring parents means recognizing all that they have done for us and showing them love, respect, and gratitude. Honoring parents is not just an obligation; it is a sign of love and devotion to the family and society.

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> Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.
>
> — *Proverbs 22:6*

Book: Old Testament / Proverbs

Topics: children, family, righteousness

Interpretation:
Proverbs 22:6 is a Bible verse emphasizing the importance of childhood education. This verse teaches us that we must raise children in the right direction so that they do not deviate from it as adults. This topic is relevant today, as childhood education plays a crucial role in the formation of an individual's values ??and beliefs.

The importance of preschool education

Preschool education is the foundation of human development, as it is at this stage that a person's values, beliefs, and personality are formed. Therefore, it is important that children receive a proper education and are shown the right direction for their development.

Furthermore, preschool education strengthens the relationship between parents and children, as children look to their parents as role models and depend on them to guide their life path. Likewise, parents are responsible for instilling in their children the values ??and beliefs they consider important for their own lives.

How to raise children your way

To guide children on their path, it is important to play an active and intentional role in their education. This includes setting clear boundaries, instilling values, and creating a safe and trusting environment.

First, establish clear and consistent boundaries. Children need to know right and wrong, so it's important to establish clear rules and boundaries from an early age.

Second, values ??must be transmitted. Values ??are the fundamental principles that guide our decisions and actions. Values ??such as respect, honesty, humility, and love are vital to personal development and should be instilled in children.

Finally, providing children with a safe and trusting environment is crucial. Parental love and support are essential for children's self-esteem and confidence. Furthermore, they should be able to count on the help and support of the adults around them when making important decisions.

Guiding a child on their faith path

Faith is an important component of early childhood education. Teaching children on their faith path is a way to instill in them hope, compassion, and humility.

Through faith, children are taught to love and respect others, forgive, and seek meaning in life. Faith is a way to guide children on the right path and help them find peace and happiness in life.

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> Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.
>
> *— Proverbs 31:8*

Book: Old Testament / Proverbs
Topics: children, orphans, protection, speaking, weakness

Interpretation:
In this verse, we are called to be advocates for those who cannot advocate for themselves. It is a call to stand with those whose voices are not heard and whose rights are being trampled upon. As believers, we must strive to be the voice of those who cannot speak and fight for them in the judgment of the helpless.

The **“destitute”** in this verse can refer not only to those who cannot speak, but also to those who cannot defend themselves. This could be people with physical or mental disabilities, people who do not have access to resources or education, or people who are oppressed by society. The helpless are those who are unprotected and vulnerable. This could be children, the elderly, widows, or anyone who depends on others for their protection and safety.

As Christians, we have a responsibility to love and care for those around us. This verse shows us that God wants us to take an active role and participate in defending those who need protection. We can apply this verse in many ways. We can start by being more aware of the needs of others. We can get involved in charities, community projects, and programs that help vulnerable populations. We can make an effort to be more compassionate and give more attention to those who feel ignored.

We should strive to be the answer to their prayers by being the hope they need. This verse reminds us that together we can make a difference in the lives of others by the grace of God.

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> For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.
> — *Romans 8:14*

Book: New Testament / Romans
Topics: children, obedience, Spirit

Interpretation:
Romans 8:14 is one of the most important parts of *the New Testament* in the Christian Bible. This verse is full of meaning and has many important implications for believers around the world.

First, it is important to understand the context in which this particular verse is found. Romans was written by *the apostle Paul* and is considered one of his most important works. The letter was addressed to the church in Rome, which consisted of both Jews and Gentiles, and it focuses on Christian doctrine and its relationship to Jewish law.

This verse is found in *chapter 8*, which deals with life in the Spirit. At the beginning of the chapter, Paul compares life in the Spirit to life in the flesh, emphasizing the importance of living a life filled with *the Spirit of God*. *Verse 14* continues this theme and declares *that as many as are led by the Spirit of God are children of God*.

The meaning of this verse is profound and has implications for all Christians. As Christians, we believe *that God is our heavenly Father and that we are His children*. In this verse, Paul states that those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. This means that all who follow God's will and live by His Spirit are considered children of God.

This may seem like a meaningless distinction to some, but it has important implications for our lives. As children of God, we have access to His love, His grace, and His power. We can seek His help and guidance in all the important decisions we make in our lives. We can also count on His protection and care, knowing that we are part of His family.

However, it is also important to note that this verse does not mean that all people are automatically children of God simply because they exist. It is through the Spirit of God that we come to Him and are accepted as His children. The relationship of children of God is based on faith in God and His plan of salvation, not on our own actions or merits.

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> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”
>
> — *Romans 8:15*

Book: New Testament / Romans
Topics: children, fear, slavery, Spirit

Interpretation:
In this verse, the *apostle Paul* tells us the difference between the spirit of slavery and the spirit of adoption. It shows us that as God’s adopted children, we no longer have to live in fear. Instead, we can confidently come to God and call Him **“Abba, Father.”**

The spirit of adoption frees us from the fear and oppression that comes with the spirit of slavery. In the Old Testament, the children of Israel lived under a law that made them feel like slaves rather than children. But Jesus Christ came to free us from the law and gave us the Holy Spirit in its place. Now, as God’s adopted children, we can enjoy a freedom we’ve never experienced before.

The word **“Abba”** is Aramaic for **“father”** or **“daddy.”** It’s a personal and tender word that shows our close relationship with God. When we address God by this name, we are saying that we recognize Him as our heavenly Father who loves and cares for us. The spirit of adoption gives us confidence to cry out to our Father with all our needs and desires.

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> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.
>
> — *Romans 8:16*

Book: New Testament / Romans
Topics: children, God, Spirit

Interpretation:
Romans is one of the most important letters of *the Apostle Paul* in the Bible. In it we find some of the most important and fundamental concepts of Christian theology. One of these concepts is the concept

of divine kinship, which is clearly expressed in *Romans 8:16*.

Divine origin

Divine kinship is a theological term for the relationship between God and His people. The Bible teaches that all believers are children of God, not literally, but as an expression of the intimate and loving relationship that God has with His people. This relationship is based on faith in *Jesus Christ* and the atoning work He accomplished on the cross.

The work of the Holy Spirit

In *Romans 8:16, Paul* tells us that *the Holy Spirit* bears witness with our spirit *that we are children of God*. This means that it is the Holy Spirit who convinces us of our divine kinship.

It is He who lets us know that we are loved by God and that we have access to His presence at all times. The Holy Spirit also guides and helps us in our daily lives, strengthening us and enabling us to live according to the will of God.

The Importance of divine sonship

Divine sonship is a fundamental concept in Christian theology because it shows us God's love and mercy for us. Knowing that we are God's children gives us the assurance that He loves us and cares for us even in the most difficult moments of our lives.

Moreover, divine sonship gives us a deep and meaningful identity that goes beyond any superficial label or identity we may have.

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> For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.
>
> — *Romans 8:19*

Book: New Testament / Romans
Topics: children, creation, Father

Interpretation:

In the context of Christian teaching, *Romans 8:19* is one of many statements by *the Apostle Paul* about the nature of salvation and the role of the believer in the divine plan.

The meaning of “waits in eager expectation”

One of the key words in this verse is *“waits in eager expectation.”* What does this mean? Literally, this expression indicates a strong passion that longs for something with force and persistence.

In this biblical passage, the term refers to the relationship of creation to the children of God. That is, nature seems to be desperate for the moment when those saved by the grace of God will finally appear on earth.

The relationship of God’s children to creation

It is interesting to note how this verse establishes a connection between the children of God and creation itself. According to the Christian concept, salvation has not only a spiritual effect on an individual, but encompasses the entire universe.

This means that when a person is redeemed and becomes a child of God, his presence in the world has a positive effect on everything around him.

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