

3-19-2025... "I am who GOD says I AM! BELOVED Child...

There is a strange phenomenon in this fallen world. Sometimes it is easier to believe the voices of haters, than the one who knows us best and loves us most.

Strangely, even for Jesus it was significant that at his baptism, his FATHER'S voice boomed from heaven, "You are my **beloved Son**, with you I am well pleased" Luke 3:22. It's not like Jesus didn't know who he was... but amidst the coming onslaught of voices that would dare to define, constrain, or defy him, it pleased the FATHER, to publicly and personally affirm Jesus in his identity.

Certainly Jesus is the Savior (rescuer) and Lord (leader) for all who follow him. But Jesus is also a model of how to live. That's why discipleship is a process of being WITH Jesus (abiding), becoming LIKE Jesus (transformation) and doing what Jesus did (mission).

God the Father goes to great length in the bible to speak affirmation over us, just like Jesus, that we are **BELOVED** children. Would it be presumptuous to believe that? Or would that be obedience!

Reflect... on what the Bible says about you.

*¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to **BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD**— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." John 1:12-13*

*"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the **CHILDREN OF GOD**. ¹⁵ 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**." ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are **GOD'S CHILDREN**. ¹⁷ Now if we are **CHILDREN**, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ" Romans 8:14-16*

*"So in Christ Jesus you are all **CHILDREN OF GOD** through faith" Galatians 3:26*

*"³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he **CHOSE US** in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for **ADOPTION TO SONSHIP** through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will" Ephesians 1:3-5*

*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. ² 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. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. 1 John 3:1-3*

⇒ What stirs in your soul as you reflected on God's calling you his beloved child in these scriptures?

⇒ If the enemy (Satan) could hold you back from embracing and living in your identity as a beloved son or daughter of God, what could be gained for him?

To help us embrace our identity AS BELOVED SONS OR DAUGHTERS...

1. **Pray it...**Select one passage from above to PRAY, inserting your name, and thanking God that by his will and pleasure he has chosen to **ADOPT** you as a son or daughter.
2. **Memorize it...**Select one passage to MEMORIZE. Put it on a sticky or note card and read it aloud practicing each day this week, inserting your name, and giving thanks as an act of receiving this identity.
3. **Worship into it... click this link then worship**
<https://youtu.be/lcSqRkpeQyM>

In the Kingdom we receive & become!