**‘Children of God’**

**1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made….10He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.** John 1:1-3, 10-13

The genealogy of Jesus can be found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Matthew’s Gospel follows the ancestral line of Jesus beginning with Abraham. Luke’s Gospel begins with Jesus and reverses the order. Luke, however, doesn’t stop at Abraham. Luke goes all the way back to the beginning. Beginning with Jesus, and skipping the generations between him and Adam we read, ***“…the son of Adam, the son of God.”******[[1]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2021/08/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftn1)***

Adam was “the son of God” because God created him out of the dust of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.[[2]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2021/08/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftn2) Eve was created by God as well. She was not created from the dust of the earth, but from a rib God took from Adam. Their children, AND every human being since people began to reproduce and multiply on the face of the earth, have been the children of their human parents. We are NOT children of God simply because we are born into the world. He is our Creator because He is the Creator of all things, but we are NOT His children like Adam was.

Had Adam and Eve not sinned against the LORD, *had sin never entered into the world,* everyone would have had a wonderful relationship with God. We would have known Him and had a close, personal relationship with Him, and life on earth would have been fantastic! But Adam and Eve DID sin. Their sin severed the beautiful relationship they had had with God not only for themselves, but for everyone who would be born to them. Even now, the earth is filled with people who do NOT have a relationship with the God of all creation. This is NOT God’s desire. It is, however, the consequence of sin.

Sin plunged the world into spiritual darkness.[[3]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2021/08/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftn3) This spiritual darkness could not be overcome by us, so God came into the world, in the person of Jesus Christ, to bring Light into the world. Sadly, John 1:10-11 tells us how badly the world was engulfed in spiritual darkness.[[4]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2021/08/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftn4) Here is John’s description of what Jesus encountered when He began His ministry, ***10 “He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11He came to His own [people], and His own did not receive Him.”***What a terrible situation. The good news is that God had the answer. Jesus was the answer, which is why we read in verse 12, ***“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”******[[5]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2021/08/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftn5)*** We are not born “children of God” at birth. We are born in and of this world. We are born into a fallen humanity. We can, however, become “children of God.” God adopts us into His family when we receive His Son Jesus, through faith, to be our Savior and Lord. When we do this, we not only become “children of God,” we are brought out of the impenetrable darkness of this world and are brought into God’s marvelous LIGHT! This is our choice. God has given us the freedom to choose.

This much I can tell everyone. God wants heaven to be filled with children. He has the room, and He has immeasurable love for us all.

***16For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*** John 3:16-17

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[[1]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2021/08/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftnref1) Luke 3:38

[[2]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2021/08/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftnref2) Genesis 2:7

[[3]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2021/08/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftnref3) https://yourbibleblog.com/2021/08/14/spiritual-darkness/

[[4]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2021/08/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftnref4) And still is.

[[5]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2021/08/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftnref5) John 1:12-13