

# Becoming Children of God

John 1:1-18

## Nitpicking

Giving too much attention to unimportant details  
Usually in a judgmental way

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1-5: Jesus of Nazareth: the Son of God

6-8: John the Baptist: a regular human being sent by God to point to the Son of God

9-13:

14: Jesus of Nazareth: the Son of God who became a human being

## Two Astounding Realities

- The Son of God became a human being while still being God
- So that we can become the children of God  
Known by God and knowing God  
Loved by God and loving God  
The Spirit of God living inside us!

15-18:



## The Big Idea

**The Son of God became a human being so that we (the enemies of God) could become the children of God by receiving Jesus**

In a rich and personal relationship

All who are the children of God will receive unimaginably great 'wealth' in the glory of God

"For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!" *Romans 5:10*

"He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" *Romans 8:32*

"Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." *Romans 8:34*

**So why do we act as though we have so little?**

So often we cling to our money and property and rights / are offended if we aren't given the honor we think we should have / are upset if people judge us / judge others / ...

As if these things were anything compared to the inheritance that will come to us as God's children!



The source of every possible good has promised to abundantly bless all who trust in Him

## Application

### Trust Jesus

Receive Him: like welcoming a great and loved person into our home and life

Believe in His name: God, Creator, Judge, Savior

In the big things and In "little" things

Should bring a radically positive view of reality

If God is for us, who can be against us??

**Goal:** To have my view of life deeply shaped by the reality that the Creator, the Son of God, became a human being, so I could become the cherished child of Almighty God

"What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. **I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ.**" *Philippians 3:8*

### That through us, all might trust Jesus

John the Baptist: "He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe." *John 1:7*

John the author: "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." *John 20:31*

A radically positive view of reality

Matched with words that point to the Source

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## Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. Have you trusted in Jesus as the Son of God? If not, what is holding you back from the source of light and life?
2. Why should God's children have a 'radically positive view' of reality? If you are a child of God, does that describe you? What would it look like to live a life shaped by this reality?
3. What does it look like for people to come to believe in Jesus as God's Son through you?

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## Conversation Starter

What do you know about Jesus Christ? He has put me on a journey of amazing life and light. Would you be interested in hearing more?