

Our New Identity in Christ

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2. We are saints.
3. We are co-heirs with Christ.

*The Letter to
God's Elect*



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God's choice to re-make your identity in Christ is the reason you are a foreigner in this world and the explanation for persecution.

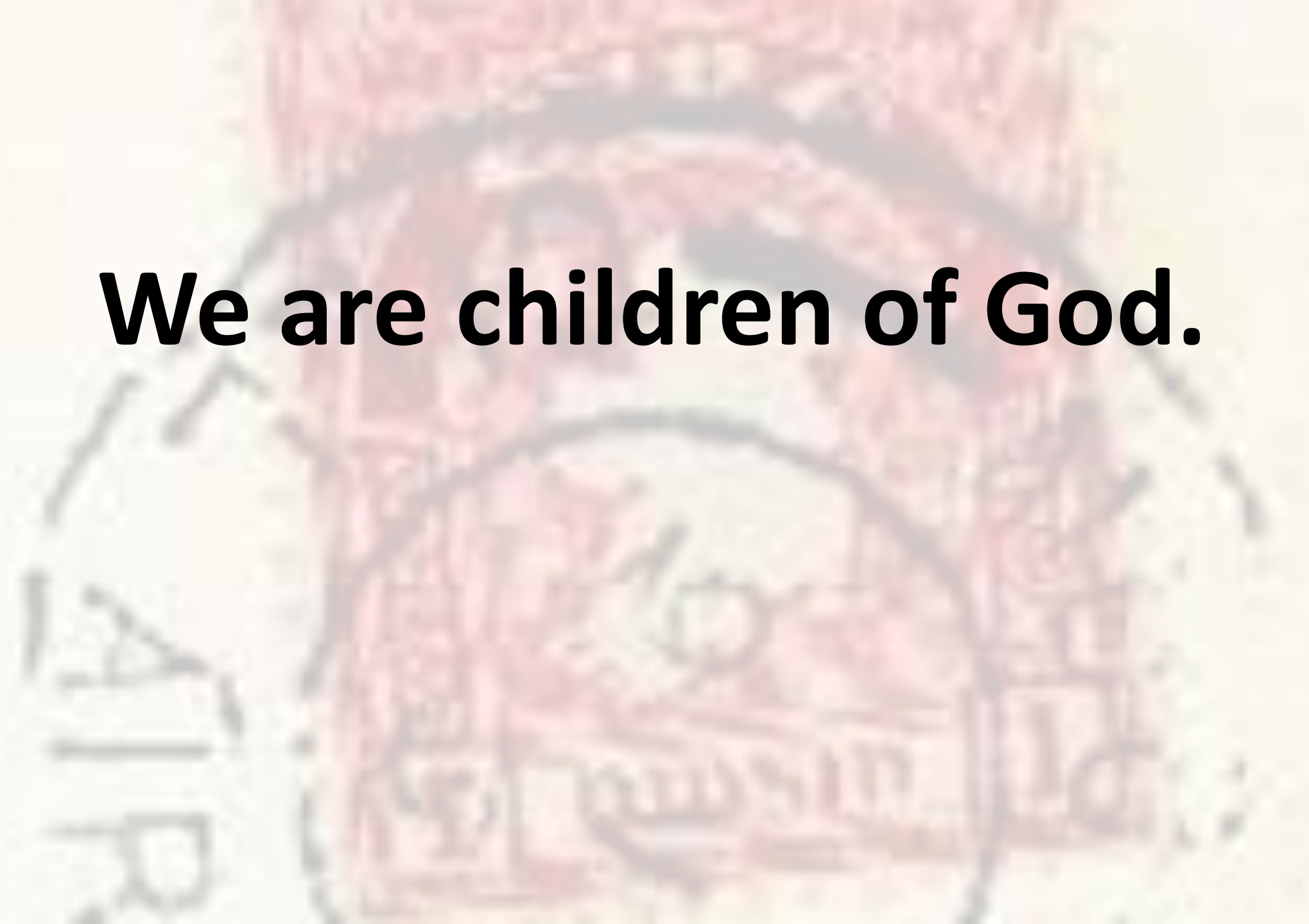
John 15:18-19

If the world hates you,
you know that it has hated Me before it hated you.

If you were of the world,
the world would love its own;
but because you are not of the world,
but I chose you out of the world,
therefore the world hates you.

What is our new identity?

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Sanctification

Sanctify = “Be made holy”

“Holy”, “Sanctified”, and “Saint”
are from the same word.

Romans 1:7

...to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as **saints**...

Romans 15:25

...but now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the **saints**.

Ephesians 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
to the **saints** who are at Ephesus...

Philippians 1:1

Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus,
to all the **saints** in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi...

1 Corinthians 1:2

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Saint or sanctified is your
current identity in Christ,
but it is also your
current pursuit by faith.

1 Peter 1:15-16

...but like the **Holy** One who called you,
be **holy** yourselves also in all your behavior;
because it is written, “You shall be **holy**, for I am **holy**.”

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You will live life out of your identity.

**Do you identify
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1 Peter 3:7-8

7 You husbands likewise...grant [your wife] honor
as a **fellow heir** of the grace of life...

8 ...for you were called for the very purpose
that you might **inherit** a blessing...

*We are heirs because we
are children of God.*

Romans 8:16-17

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Implications

Your identity in Christ makes you a radical foreigner in this world.

As such, your life ought to look very different from the world around you!