

## Chosen as Children of God

1 Peter 3:8-12

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1. You were chosen to **be** a child of God.
  - a. God \_\_\_\_\_ you to be born again, making you His child.
  - b. You are now by \_\_\_\_\_ a child of God.
2. You were chosen to **live** like a child of God.
  - a. In the way you treat fellow \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. In the way you treat your \_\_\_\_\_.
3. You were chosen to **receive** an inheritance as a child of God.
  - a. An inheritance of a \_\_\_\_\_ life.
  - b. An inheritance of \_\_\_\_\_ life.



*Peter*

*To God's chosen ones*

A white rectangular card is pinned to a dark brown wooden surface with a light-colored wooden clothespin. A piece of natural twine is stretched across the top of the card, passing through the clothespin. The card features the text "Chosen as Children" in a large, blue, cursive font, and "1 Peter 3:8-12" in a smaller, blue, cursive font below it.

# *Chosen as Children*

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God's calling and His choosing  
are just different aspects of the  
same work of God.

## **1 Peter 1:1-2**

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those...  
who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,  
by the sanctifying work of the Spirit,  
that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood...

**1 Peter 1:14-15**

As obedient children,  
do not be conformed to the former lusts  
which were yours in your ignorance,  
but like the Holy One **who called you...**

**1 Peter 2:9**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, a people for God's own possession,  
that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him  
who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**2 Peter 1:10**

Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent  
to make certain about His calling and choosing you;  
for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble...

Chosen to **be** a child.

*God caused you to be born again,  
making you His child.*

## **1 Peter 1:3-5**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

God's calling involved the regeneration of your soul, making you a child of God.

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**1 Peter 1:17**

And **if you address as Father**  
the One who impartially judges according to each man's work,  
conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay upon earth.

Chosen to **be** a child.

*God caused you to be born again, making you His child.*

*You are now **by nature**  
a child of God.*

## **2 Peter 1:3-4**

...seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

You were chosen to  
**be** a child of God,  
And so **you are!**

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You are commanded to **be** and  
**to do** because of who you **are**.

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*In the way you treat fellow believers.*

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**You are family;  
treat one another as family!**

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Harmonious = “same  minded”

Only believers have the same mind.

Humble in spirit = “lowly  minded”

Humility is a Christian virtue.

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*Same Minded*

Sympathetic

**Loving as Brothers**

Compassionate

*Humble Minded*

These are all family traits  
perfectly exemplified in the  
perfect Son, Jesus Christ.

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*In the way you treat fellow believers.*

*In the way you treat your enemies.*

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The context of Peter's letter and of Psalm 34 make it clear that Peter is thinking of how we respond to those who mistreat us.

# How do we treat our enemies?

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# Why treat them this way?

**1 Peter 2:21-23**

For you **have been called for this purpose**,  
since Christ also suffered for you,  
leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,  
who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;  
and while being reviled, He did not revile in return;  
while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting  
Himself to Him who judges righteously.

# Peter's Meaning?

As a *son* like Jesus, **you will**  
love your enemies.

As a *son* like Jesus, **you should**  
love your enemies.

# So what does this love look like?

## Psalm 35:11-14

Malicious witnesses rise up;  
They ask me of things that I do not know.  
They repay me evil for good,  
To the bereavement of my soul.

**But as for me**, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth;  
I humbled my soul with fasting;  
And my prayer kept returning to my bosom.  
I went about as though it were my friend or brother;  
I bowed down mourning, as one who sorrows for a mother.

The true children of God will  
love their enemies as God  
in Christ loves His.

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God created humankind good,  
and were we to live as He created us,  
life would be good.

Salvation is the restoration of  
all things resulting in the  
good God intended.

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*An inheritance of eternal life.*

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# The life of God is eternal.

**John 5:26**

For just as the Father has **life** in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have **life** in Himself.

**John 6:40**

For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have **eternal life**.

God sent His Son so that those  
desiring life would find it in Him,  
and His life is eternal.

# Conclusion:

If you are a child of God, you **will** reflect the loving nature of your Father.

If you are a child of God, you **should** reflect the loving nature of your Father.

If you are a child of God, you **are** blessed,  
and you **have** the good life.