Pg 1 <u>List</u>

"For you are <u>all the Children of God</u> through faith <u>in Christ Jesus</u>. For as many of you as have been baptized <u>into Christ</u>, (you) have <u>put on Christ</u>. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for <u>you are all one in Christ Jesus</u>. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed (descendants), and heirs according to the promise." (Galatians 3:26-29)

Children: from the greek word <u>huioi</u> which means: <u>sons</u>; but in context <u>all children</u>, male and female; through natural birth or by adoption. For a person, becoming a Child of God begins with being **born**-again into the <u>Family of God</u> through faith in Christ Jesus and His death on the Cross for the forgiveness of sins, for <u>all</u> who believe on Him. In Context includes "putting on Christ" in the sense of obtaining attributes of Jesus such as: holiness, righteousness, humility, goodness, mercy, patience, love, In context also includes becoming "heirs according to the promise" of our Father in Heaven! Further context is that whether a person is either male or female: 'all are one' in Christ Jesus! it is as it says:

"You are the temple of the living God; as God has said, 'I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.' (Leviticus 26:12) ... And I will be a Father unto you, and you shall be 'My sons and daughters (~ Isaiah 43:6),' says the Lord Almighty." (2 Corinthians 6:16, 18)

God: from the greek word <u>Theou</u> which means: <u>God</u>; (the Father, Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit); the One and only Supreme Being who created all things living or un-living, and who owns all things, and who sustains all things! The One who is all knowing, all powerful, and everywhere present! The One who knows the thoughts of everyone.

Through Faith: from the greek words *dia tes pisteos* which mean: through the faith; that is: through complete persuasion, and moral conviction of the truthfulness of God; that is Divine persuasion, especially in reliance upon Christ for salvation from sin and its punishment; and on God's promise of Eternal Life for everyone who believes!

In Christ Jesus: from the Greek words <u>en Christo Iesou</u> which mean: <u>in Christ Jesus</u>; it is as Jesus said:

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches: He who abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." (John 15:4-5)

God the Father, according to His Will, and His Grace has chosen believers in Jesus to be His Children in His Beloved Son Jesus! Please consider the following:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; according as He (the Father) has chosen us in Him (in Jesus) before the foundation of the world, so that we should be holy and blameless before Him in love; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself (the Father), according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, in which He has made us accepted in the Beloved (in Jesus); in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His (the Father's) grace." (Ephesians 1:3-7)

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth **His Son** (**Jesus**), born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that **we might receive the <u>adoption of sons</u>**. And because **you are sons** (**children of God**), God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, **Abba**, **Father**. Therefore, you are no more a slave, **but a son**; and **if a son**, then **an heir of God through Christ**." (Galatians 4:4-7)

"For <u>as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God</u>. For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but <u>you have received the Spirit of adoption</u>, whereby we cry, 'Abba, Father'. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the sons (children) of God; and if sons, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we <u>suffer with Him</u>, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation waits for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creation was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of Him who has subjected the same in hope; because the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the Glorious Liberty of the sons of God." (Romans 8:14-21)

That God the Father would adopt believers as His Children was promised and prophesied as follows:

"What if God (the Father), willing to show His wrath, and to make His power known, <u>endured</u> <u>with much longsuffering</u> (patience) the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction. And (instead) made known the riches of His glory on these (same) vessels of mercy, which He had beforehand prepared unto glory, <u>even us</u>, whom He has called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles. As He said also in Hosea, 'I will call them My people, who were not My people; and her beloved, who was not beloved.' ... And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, 'You are not My people;' <u>there shall they be called the</u> <u>sons (children) of the living God</u>. (Hosea 2:23, and Hosea 1:10)" (Romans 9:22-26)

The prophetic word of God that believers would become children of God is fulfilled through faith <u>in Christ Jesus!</u> Please consider the following:

"Whoever <u>believes</u> that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and every one who loves Him (the Father) who begets, loves him (God's child) also who is born of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. For whoever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God (conceived in the womb by God's Holy Spirit)?" (I John 5:1-5)

The Love of God that believers would become children of God is thus fulfilled in us:

"Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons (children) of God: therefore the world does not know us, because it does not know Him. Beloved, we are now the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is (in all His Glory!). And every man (child of God) who has this hope in Him purifies himself, even as He is pure." (I John 3:1-3)

So then the evidence that a person is truly born of God: and a child of God is their love for God and those people who are born of God. Please consider the following:

"Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, **because we love the brethren**. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer: and you know that no murderer has Eternal Life abiding in him. By this we perceive **the love of God**, because **He (Jesus)** laid down **His** life for us; and **we** ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." (1 John 3:13-16)

And again:

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one who loves is born of God, and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because God sent His only begotten Son (Jesus) into the world, so that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwells in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the **Son** (Jesus) to be **the Savior of the world**. Whoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love; and he who dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because **as He is**, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear has torment. He who fears is not made perfect in love. We love Him, because He first loved us. If a man says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment have we from Him: that he who loves God also (should) love his brother." (<u>1 John 4:7-21</u>)

Jesus Himself also commanded the children of God to even love their enemies! Please consider the following:

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who despitefully use you. ... But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and you shall be the children of the Highest (of God Himself); for He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be you therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful." (Luke 6:27-28.... 35-36)

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In Christ Jesus We Are the Children of God

God predestinated <u>us</u> unto the Adoption of Children by Jesus Christ to Himself!!

Born-again Believers are now <u>Sons and Daughters</u> the Lord God Almighty!!

The Spirit of His Son in <u>our hearts</u> cries out to Him, 'Abba, Father'!!

<u>We</u> were not children, but are <u>now</u> children of the living God!!

By the Father's <u>Great Love for us</u> – we are His children!!

<u>We</u> are the Children of God through <u>faith in Jesus</u>!!

Thank You Father Son and Holy Spirit for begetting us into the Family of God!!

Thank You for the Glorious Liberty that we have as Children of God!!

Thank You that we are joint-heirs with Christ in Your Kingdom!!

You are worthy of all Praise and Glory and Honor forever and ever – Truly !!!