

How do we become a “Child of God”? Through baptism and obedience to God...

According to the Old Testament,¹ God made man in His image when He breathed life into his nostrils and gave him a soul (spirit)². For those born of Jewish heritage, they were considered God’s “Chosen People”³ and the “Sons of God”:

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, [2] That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. [3] And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. [4] There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. (The Old Testament, Genesis 6:1-4)

The Lord’s Prayer

Jesus said, “After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. [10] Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. [11] Give us this day our daily bread. [12] And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. [13] And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. [14] For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: [15] But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” (The Gospel, Matthew 6:9-15)

For all non-Jews, God eventually gave us all the chance to become His “Chosen People” and be called “His Children”. This happens when we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and live our lives according to His Authority, and not our own. This was all part of our “Father’s Plan”⁴ for the Salvation of *all* mankind:⁵

He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. (The Gospel, John 1:11-12)

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. (The New Testament, 1 John 3:1)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, [4] just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him In love [5] He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, [6] to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. (The New Testament, Ephesians 1:3-6)

John the Baptist said, "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (The Gospel, Matthew 3:11)

Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. [6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” (The Gospel, John 3:5-6)

Jesus said, “Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. [9] Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.” (The Gospel, Matthew 5:8-9)

1. Please see, “Proof from the Qur’an the Bible is not Corrupt” at www.MuslimsSeekingJesus.com.

2. And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (The Old Testament, Genesis 2:7)

3. See, “God’s Chosen People” http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chosen_people.

4. Listen to, “Our Father’s Plan” <http://www.ewtn.com/vondemand/audio/seriessearchprog.asp?seriesID=-306548622>.

5. See, “We Must Be Born Again” http://muslimsseekingjesus.com/We_Must_Be_Born_Again.html.