

# Children of God



**1 John 3.1-10, CB NT p. 421**



**“since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God”  
(1 Peter 1:23, CB NT p. 408)**





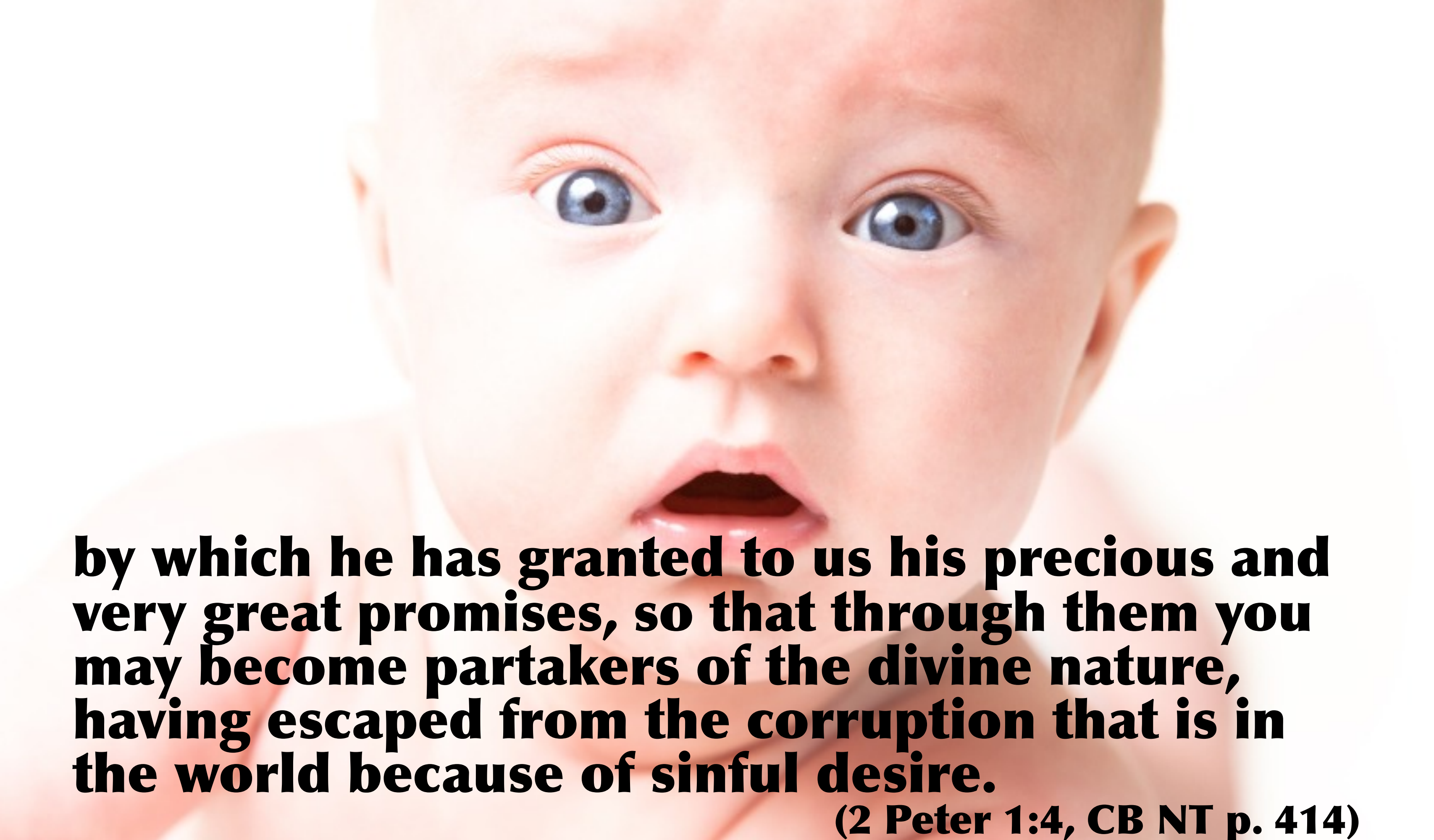
**“Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears **we shall be like him,** because we shall see him as he is.**

**(1 John 3:2, CB NT p. 421-422)**



**What does it mean to be like Him?**





**by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.**

**(2 Peter 1:4, CB NT p. 414)**



**We are God's children now**

# Who are the children of God?

**Does Not  
Practice  
Sinning**



**Pursues  
Purity**



**Practices  
Righteousness**



**Pursue Purity**



# Pursue Purity



**“how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”**

**(Hebrews 9:13-14, CB NT p. 390)**



# **Pursue Purity**



**“Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart”**

**(1 Peter 1:22, CB NT p. 408)**



# Pursue Purity



**“Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.”**

**(2 Corinthians 7:1, CB NT p. 318)**

# **Pursue Purity**



**“Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.”**

**(2 Timothy 2:21-22, CB NT p. 373)**



**Does Not  
Make a  
Practice of  
Sinning**





# **Does Not Make a Practice of Sinning**

**“He himself bore our sins in his  
body on the tree, that we might die  
to sin and live to righteousness. By  
his wounds you have been healed.”**

**(1 Peter 2:21-25, CB NT p. 410)**



# **Does Not Make a Practice of Sinning**

**“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”**

**(Hebrews 4:15-16, CB NT p. 385)**





# **Does Not Make a Practice of Sinning**



**“Who can discern his errors?  
Declare me innocent from hidden  
faults.”**

**(Psalm 19:12, CB OT p. 852)**



# **Does Not Make a Practice of Sinning**



**“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.”**

**(Romans 6:12, CB NT p. 272)**



# **Practice Righteousness**





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**“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”**

**(2 Corinthians 5:21, CB NT p. 317)**



# **Practice Righteousness**

**“Then you will understand righteousness and  
justice and equity, every good path”**

**(Proverbs 2:9, CB OT p. 1000)**



# Practice Righteousness



**“For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.**

**(Romans 10:3, CB NT p. 278)**

# **Practice Righteousness**



**“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”**

**(Matthew 5:20, CB NT p. 7)**



# **Practice Righteousness**



**“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.”**

**(Matthew 6:1, CB NT p. 9)**



# **Practice Righteousness**

**“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”**

**(Micah 6:8, CB OT p. 1490)**



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# **Who are the children of God?**

**“training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.”**

**(Titus 2:12-14, CB NT p. 377)**



**Will today be the day  
you decide  
to go to  
heaven?**

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1 John 3.1-10

**Synopsis:** What does it mean to be a child of God? John teaches us that we must pursue purity, not practice sin, and practice righteousness.

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**“Let all that you do be done with love.”**