WORD OF THE DAY



"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

Children of God (Follow Jesus)



Greetings, in week one of our series titled **Children of God**, we stated that Children of God **Love**. In week 2, we said that Children of God live by **Faith**. This week, we put before you the consideration that Children of God follow **Jesus**.

Children of God Follow Jesus. Notice that the statement does not read, "Children of God follow God". The reason for this is that in our world there are many people who claim to have a relationship with God through a spiritual connection or a religious institution. Yet, what separates the true Children of God from others is that Children of God put their faith in Jesus. They take Jesus' words to heart when He said in John 14:6, "*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no one comes to the Father but by Me.*"

Truth Exposes & Offends Error. "*Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God*" (<u>Matthew</u> <u>16:16</u>), was the response of Peter when Jesus asked them who did men say he was, and later who did they say that he was. The response of Jesus to Peter was that Upon this Rock[*the Truth that Jesus is the Son of God*] He[Jesus] would build His church and the gates of Hell would not prevail against it. It is in this exclusive claim, that Jesus alone is the Son of God, that the errors of other religions and spiritual movements are exposed and also greatly offended.

Preaching Love offends no one; preaching Jesus does. We should be mindful that it is not because of the preaching of Love or the preaching of Faith that Christians are being killed in the Middle East and in places like China and North Korea and Nigeria. Christians are not being killed because they are telling people to give to the poor, or because they are building hospitals, or because they are telling people to love (many other religions and spiritual groups preach love). The reason Christians are persecuted is because they are telling the world that Jesus is the only way to God, and this offends people greatly. Yet, while the world preaches "coexist", telling us all that multiple paths lead to God, those who are Children of God will **Follow Jesus**.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

An error can coexist with other errors because its acceptance of another error does not change its own constitution[makeup]; however the truth cannot coexist with an error because in the blending, the truth is totally lost while the error continues lives on.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to show us the way to you. Thank you for adopting me into your forever family through faith in Jesus. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

Your brother in Christ, WNL

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