

WORD OF THE DAY



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"(verse 9b) *And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.....(verse 14) For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God."*

Children of God are ([Spirit-Filled](#))



Greetings. In week one of our series titled Children of God, we stated, Children of God Love. In week 2, we said Children of God live by Faith. Week three mentioned that Children of God follow Jesus. Now we explore that Children of God are Spirit Filled.

The Christian life requires transformation. Being a Christian is not about simply doing the right thing or having a certain set of values that we believe. Instead, Christianity is more about being (than doing). A Christian has to be a new person in their nature and a Christian has to be in right standing with God concerning their sins(Justification). Just as a daughter or son is a child of their parent due to sharing their parents biological nature(DNA) , Christians likewise are children of God because we have the same spiritual nature of God the father.

Getting this new nature, is referred to as being born-again (as Jesus told Nicodemus). This new nature (born again) is not a nature that is gained through studying a book, joining a church, or doing good works. This new birth is a birth from above, a birth of the Spirit. In our verse of the day, we are told that if anyone does not have God's Spirit, they do not belong to Him; but those who have the Holy Spirit are the children of God. Since God is spirit, God's children receive God's nature through receiving God's Spirit.

The Christian life requires power. The Bible contrast being Spirit-filled with being drunk. A drunk person may find the power(courage) to dance care-free in public, while a spirit-filled Christian may find the power(conviction) to boldly preach the Gospel (like Paul & Peter). Speaking of power, Pneuma is one of the Greek words that we translate into the word Spirit(Holy-Spirit), it means wind or breath. Think pneumonia(breathing illness) and pneumatic (air powered devices). The Pneuma, or the Spirit, provides power, and this power guides us. Unlike water filling a glass, we should think of being Spirit filled as a dynamic process such as wind filling a ship's sails-- providing power and direction. Therefore, let us be transformed with power and a new nature from above; for, **God's children are Spirit Filled.**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Someone once said, *if your religion doesn't change you, you need to change your religion.* Children of the God have been changed by the Holy Spirit, this transformation and power comes from above.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for your Holy Spirit which transforms me into your nature. Thank you for this new life led by the Pneuma (Spirit). Help me to not be filled with wine or the pleasure of this world which lead me to sin, but filled with the spirit which lead me to you. I may not be perfect as you are Father, but I have been changed and I am striving to be more like Christ each day. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

Your brother in Christ, WNL

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