

# Children of God

by Andrew Murray

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*To live as children of God, we must receive Jesus in all His fullness and have the heart and life full of Him.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:3, John 1:12, Romans 8:14-17, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 1:3, Philippians 4:19, Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 4:16, 1 John 3:1

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## Description

Andrew Murray emphasizes the profound truth that receiving Jesus is essential for becoming a child of God. He explains that this reception is not a one-time event but a continuous act of faith, where believers must daily accept Jesus in all His fullness to experience the blessings of God's love. Murray encourages young Christians to recognize their ongoing need for Jesus, asserting that true Christian living involves a constant, childlike reception of Him as Prophet, Priest, and King. He highlights that through faith, believers can embody the characteristics of God's children, relying on Jesus to transform their lives. Ultimately, Murray calls for a heart open to receiving all that God offers through His Son, Jesus.

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## Transcript

"As many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become children of God, even to them that believe on His name" John 1:12.

What is given must be received, otherwise it does not profit. If the first great deed of God's love is the gift of His Son, then the first work of man must be to receive this Son. And if all the blessings of God's love come to us only in the ever-new, ever-living Son of the Father, then all these blessings enter into us daily through the always new, always continuing reception of the Son.

You, beloved young Christians, know what is necessary for this reception because you have already received the Lord Jesus. But all that this reception involves must become clearer and stronger--the unceasing, living action of your faith.<sup>1</sup>

Within this action lies the increase of faith. Your first receiving of Jesus rested on the certainty provided by the Word--that He was for you. Through the Word your soul must be further filled with the assurance that all that is in Him is literally and truly for you, given to you by the Father; He is to be your life.

The impulse to your first receiving was based on your want and necessity. Now, through the Spirit, you become still poorer in spirit, and you see how much you have need of Jesus for everything, every moment.

This leads to a ceaseless, ever-active taking of Him as your a11.2

When you first received, it was by faith in that which you could not yet see or feel. That same faith must be continually exercised in saying, "All that I see in Jesus is for me. I take it as mine, although I do not yet experience it." The love of God is a communicating--a ceaseless outstreaming of His light of life over the soul. It is a very powerful and genuine giving of Jesus. Our life is nothing but a continuous blessed understanding and reception of Him.<sup>3</sup>

And this is the way to live as children of God. To as many as receive Him, to them He gives the power to become children of God. This holds true, not only of conversion and regeneration, but also every day of my life. If to walk in all things as a child of God and to exhibit the image of my Father is indispensable, then I must take Jesus, the only begotten Son. It is He who makes me a child of God. The way to live as a child of God is to have the heart and life full of Jesus. I go to the Word to learn all the characteristics of a child of God.<sup>4</sup> After each one of them I write--"Jesus will work in me; I have Him to help me to be a child of God."

Beloved young Christian, I implore you to learn to understand the simplicity and the glory of being a true Christian. It is to receive Jesus in all His fullness and in all the glorious relations in which the Father gives Him to you. Take Him as your Prophet, as your wisdom, your light, your guide. Take Him as your Priest, who renews you, purifies you, sanctifies you, brings you near to God, takes you, and forms you wholly for His service. Take Him as your King, who governs you, protects you, and blesses you. Take Him as your Head, your example, your Brother, your life, your all. The giving of God is a divine and an ever-progressive, effectual communication to your soul. Let your taking be the childlike, cheerful, continuous opening of mouth and heart for what God gives--the full Jesus and all His grace. To every prayer the answer of God is Jesus. All is in Him, and all in Him is for you. Let your response always be, "Jesus, in Him I have all." You are and you live, in all things, as children of God through faith in Jesus.

Father, open the eyes of my heart to understand what it is to be a child of God and to live always as a child, through always believing in Jesus, Your only Son. Let every breath of my soul be faith in Jesus, a confidence in Him, a resting in Him, a surrender to Him, so that He may work all in me. Amen.

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