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Transforming Daily
“... children of God ...”
1 John 3:1

When my son, Josh, was younger he used to say that he liked it better when I called him “son” rather than Josh. He didn’t explain why, but I knew that it was because of the intimate relationship that it conveyed when I called him “son.” It wasn’t that he didn’t like his name, but that when I called him “son” he heard “I love you.” I know this, not only because I felt (feel) the same way toward him, but I felt the same way toward my father when he called me “son.”

John refers to believers as the beloved in relationship to the Father. We are his “sons” and “daughters.” It is His way of saying, “I love you.” In this text, John emphasizes the great love that God has for us in Christ Jesus that we are called His “children.” Being his children we share the same spiritual heritage as His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. We will be transformed, glorified, and we will live with Him forever.

Are you among the beloved? How do you feel about being called a “son” or a “daughter” of the heavenly Father? Do you take the relationship for granted?

From time to time, someone will make the comment to me that “we are all God’s children, His sons and daughters.” Based on the authority of the Word of God, that isn’t true. We are all His creation, but only those who have a personal relationship with Him through Jesus Christ are the beloved, the children of God.