

I. God has given us his love

A. God’s love for us is \_\_\_\_\_

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

B. God’s love for us is a \_\_\_\_\_

C. God’s love must be \_\_\_\_\_

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12)

II. God has given us our identity

A. It is a gift from God to be \_\_\_\_\_

“In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.” (Ephesians 1:5)

B. Our core identity should be as \_\_\_\_\_

C. As children of God we enjoy \_\_\_\_\_

D. As children of God we share a \_\_\_\_\_

“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.” (Romans 8:29)

E. As children of God we live a life of \_\_\_\_\_

John writes that we should purify ourselves, just as he is pure....

“As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, be holy in all you do.” (I Peter 1:14-15)

F. As children of God we live a life of \_\_\_\_\_

“We know that we are children of God.” (I John 5:19)

“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.” (Romans 8:16)

G. As children of God we have an \_\_\_\_\_

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III. God has given us an identity that is in opposition to the world

A. The world will not \_\_\_\_\_

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” (I Corinthians 1:18)

B. The world will \_\_\_\_\_

C. The world will try to give us a \_\_\_\_\_

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” (Romans 12:2)

D. We resist the world by \_\_\_\_\_ in our identity as children of God

IV. As Children of God we seek to live the holy life (vs. 4-10)

“Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy, without holiness no one will see the Lord.” (Hebrews 12:14)

A. Sin is breaking the \_\_\_\_\_

B. Sin is opposition to the \_\_\_\_\_

“But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’” (I Peter 1:16)

C. Children of God are called to abandon the \_\_\_\_\_

D. Children of God are called to \_\_\_\_\_

E. Children of God follow the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus

“Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.” (I John 2:8)

F. Children of God reject the \_\_\_\_\_ of the devil

“Submit yourselves, then to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” (James 4:7)

G. Children of God can enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ over sin and the devil

“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set be free from the law of sin and death.” (Romans 8:1-2)

H. Children of God reveal their true identity by their \_\_\_\_\_

