

Church Face: Child of God
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Our feelings are **Great GAUGES** but **Terrible GUIDES!**

Romans 12:2 Aramaic Bible Translation

And do not imitate this world, but be transformed by the **renovation** of your minds, and you shall distinguish what is the good, acceptable and perfect will of God.

John 1:12-13 NLT

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave **the right to become children of God. They are reborn**—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but **a birth that comes from God.**

If being a Child of God is not enough, then nothing will ever be enough!

Romans 8:15-16 TPT

And you did not receive the “**spirit of religious duty**” leading you back into **the fear of *never being good enough***. But you have received the “**Spirit of full acceptance,**” enfolding you **into the family of God**. And you will never feel orphaned, for as he rises up within us, our spirits join him in saying the words of tender affection, “**Beloved Father!**” For the Holy Spirit makes God’s fatherhood real to us as he whispers into our innermost being, “**You are God’s beloved child!**”

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If I Truly Believed That Being a Child of God Was Enough, What Would My Life Look Like?

1. It ends striving: (**PROVING**).

Striving: to struggle vigorously, as in opposition or resistance; trying hard to obtain something

I'm not working for approval; I'm **LIVING FROM APPROVAL**.

Hebrews 4:1-3 NLT

God's promise of entering his rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to experience it. **For this good news—that God has prepared this rest**—has been announced to us just as it was to them. But it did them no good because they didn't share the faith of those who listened to God. **For only we who believe can enter his rest.** As for the others, God said, "In my anger I took an oath: 'They will never enter my place of rest,'" even though **this rest has been ready since he made the world.**

When you are **striving** after something, you often have to **connive** to keep it.

Ecclesiastes 4:6 NASB

One hand full of rest is better than two fists full of labor and striving after wind.

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2. It frees us from the fear of man: (**PLEASING**).

Psalms 118:6-8 NLT

The Lord is for me, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me? Yes, the Lord is for me; he will help me. I will look in triumph at those who hate me. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in people.

Proverbs 29:25 TPT

Fear and intimidation is a trap that holds you back. But when you **place your confidence in the Lord**, you will be **seated in the high place.**

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3. It crushes condemnation: (**POSING**).

Romans 8:1 TPT

So now the case is closed. There remains no accusing voice of condemnation against those who are joined in life-union with Jesus, the Anointed One.

“The enemy of your soul is not nearly so afraid you will find who Christ is as he is for you to discover who you are in Christ.”

– **Mark Rutland**

“When the devil accuses us and says, ‘You are a **sinner** and therefore damned,’ we should answer, ‘Because you say I am a **sinner**, I will be righteous and saved.’ ‘No,’ says the devil, ‘you will be damned.’ And I reply, ‘No, for I fly to Christ, who gave himself for my sins. Satan, you will not prevail against me when you try to terrify me by setting forth the greatness of my sins and try to bring me into heaviness, distrust, despair, hatred, contempt and blasphemy against God. On the contrary, when you say I am a **sinner**, you give me armor and weapons against yourself, so that with your own sword I may cut your throat and tread you under my feet, for Christ died for **sinners**... As often as you object that I am a **sinner**, so often you remind me of the benefit of Christ my Redeemer, on whose shoulders, and not on mine, lie all my sins. So, when you say I am a **sinner**, you do not terrify me but comfort me immeasurably.’”

– **Martin Luther**