

Who Do You Think You Are?

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All Bible passages are quoted from the New International Version of the Bible unless otherwise noted.

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1. Don’t measure GOD by a MAN.

1 John 3:1 | See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! ...

2. Be ASSURED of your STATUS.

3. Think like a SON, not a SLAVE.

- Start living like you’re FREE.
- Stop living like you’re on PROBATION.

NEXT STEP: Stop trying to prove yourself. Trust Jesus and let Him define you.

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Further Study & Discussion Questions

Getting to Know You:

1. What's something your dad (or a father figure) said or did that shaped how you see yourself today?
2. Growing up, did you feel like you had to earn approval or that it was freely given? How has that stuck with you?
3. When you hear "God as Father," do you naturally think closeness or pressure? Why?

Quick Review:

1. The message showed that **Galatians 4** and **Romans 8** are saying the same truth from two angles. What is the difference between those two passages?
2. Which side do you tend to drift toward more: trying to earn your place with God or being afraid you've lost it?
3. The phrase was: "Don't measure God by a man." Why is that so important when thinking about God as Father?

Digging Deeper:

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According to this passage, how do we become part of God's family? What does it say is not the basis of our status?

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What evidence does Paul give that someone is truly a child of God? What does it look like to relate to God as "Abba, Father"?

3. Read **1 John 3:1**.

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What does this verse reveal about the source of our identity? How should that challenge the way we normally define ourselves?

Putting It Into Practice:

1. Where in your life are you still trying to prove yourself instead of living like you're already accepted?
2. What would it actually look like this week to think and respond like a son instead of a slave?