

Purifying Ourselves As He Is Pure
1 John 3:2-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God...

1 John 3:1 (ESV)

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The reason we were created

Antecedent grace (aka: *grace before time*):

- God's desire & action toward the undeserving: to extend love and fellowship with Himself for all of eternity
- Determined before creation (eternity past)

“He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of His own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time”

2 Timothy 1:9 (NIV)

“in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies,
promised before the ages began”

Titus 1:2 (ESV)

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“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, (14) I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (15) All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things...”

Philippians 3:13–15 (NIV)

2-fold reason that we are “children now”

1. God expects us to *practice* our *position* (progressive sanctification; maturity; growing from “children” to “fathers”, etc.)
2. We’re all *equally equipped* to achieve growth

"Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— (13)each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. (14)If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. (15)If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire."

1 Corinthians 3:12–15 (ESV)

“When He had washed their feet and put on His outer garments and resumed His place, He said to them, ‘Do you understand what I have done to you? (13) You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. (14) If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. (15) For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.’”

John 13:12–15 (ESV)

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."

John 13:34 (ESV)

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."

1 Corinthians 11:1 (ESV)

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Jesus' dealing with temptation

Hypostatic union: 100% God, 100% Human

'non posse peccarre' (divine nature)

- Not able to sin

'posse non peccarre' (human nature)

- Able not to sin
 - *By full dependence upon the Holy Spirit (kenosis)*

“Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am being tempted by God,’ for God cannot be tempted with evil, and He himself tempts no one.”

James 1:13 (ESV)

“And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”

Isaiah 11:2 (ESV)

“Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.”

Isaiah 42:1 (ESV)

“And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee,
and a report about Him went out through all the
surrounding country.”

Luke 4:14 (ESV)

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, (19)to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18–19 (ESV)

“whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.”

1 John 2:6 (ESV)

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“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”

Galatians 5:16 (ESV)

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