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Don't Listen to the World

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A lot of people are going around claiming that we are all children of God, regardless of what we believe or do. But that is not what the Bible says. We are, indeed, all created in God's image and therefore precious to Him. But we become His children only by believing in Jesus, the Son of God.

As John 1:12 says, "But to all who receive Him, who believed in His name, he gave the right to become a child of God."

If we listen to what the world tells us, we will have a confused identity. The world and the devil, who is quite real, sow confusion and use it to manipulate us into making bad choices.

For years, LGBT activists have been claiming, without any replicated scientific evidence, that some people are born gay. Now, they are claiming that some people are born in the wrong body and just need to "transition." These are lies that lead only to more confusion and pain. Boys were born to be boys, and girls were born to be girls. God is not confused about our Identity.

Parents, please help your children know we are ALL created by God and that biology determines our sex, not our mindset, which can change at any time.

Pointing Them Toward the Right Path

What do children need? They need guidance, discipline, love and nurturing. God wants to give us these things. There



is work to be done on our part. Learning to walk with God starts with trusting in Him, reading his Word and praying. As we grow in our walk with Him, His discipline may seem uncomfortable or hard. God may say no or may wait on answering our prayers. His timing is different from ours and is perfect. He has great plans for each of us, yet it

takes great faith. When we lean on Him, He helps us through the tough places.

As believers in Christ, our challenge is to acquaint people with Jesus and let Him change their hearts.

There is no single prayer or Bible verse that will break the sin that separates us from God. Repentance is required for everybody – no exceptions.

1 Corinthians 6:9 says: "Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God."

But here's the good news: The verse continues in 6:11 with this: "And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." This is a clear statement that people *can* overcome sexual sin, just as Christ can grant them the power to conquer other repented sins.

Each of us is born with a God-sized hole in our heart that the world tries to fill with empty lies. Although we may look different on the outside, with different height, weight, skin color, hair and eye color, we all have the same Heavenly Father who loves us.

God wants us to work in unity with those around us, even if they look or sound different. Once we accept Christ as Savior and admit we are sinners, He will come into our hearts and be our Lord.

When Jesus forgives our sins, He casts them far away – "as far as the East is from the West."

Seeing Ourselves as God Sees Us

Perhaps as a child you were called names that were hurtful or shameful. God has some marvelous new descriptions for us, and here are just a few:

As a child of God, we are heirs to the Kingdom of God.

We are forgiven when we ask Jesus into our hearts. We need to walk daily with other Christians to keep us accountable and to help us from falling back into old behaviors and mindsets that separate us from God.

We are the apple of His eye. God



desires to breath on each of us and polish us. As forgiven persons, we are redeemed. We are to live a life that is Holy, and since we are not perfect, only Jesus can save us and emancipate us, forgiving and renewing us when we stumble.

God calls us friend. What do we do when one of our friends calls or messages us? Do we hide the phone? Of course not! We encourage our friends and spend time with them. That is what God wants, too – for us to spend time with Him so He can encourage us and guide us.

As we grow in our knowledge of Jesus, we become ambassadors for Christ by sharing the many great things he has done for us.

We are a peculiar treasure to God. As I've cleaned houses for years, I've noticed people place their treasures behind glass to show them off. Some have trophies on their walls. As His treasured children, God wants to show us off so we can help light the way for others.

Throughout the Bible we are encouraged to pray for those around us. May we continue to pour out our hearts in prayer to God for family and friends who have children that are being deceived and forced onto a wrong and dangerous path by the lies of this world.

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