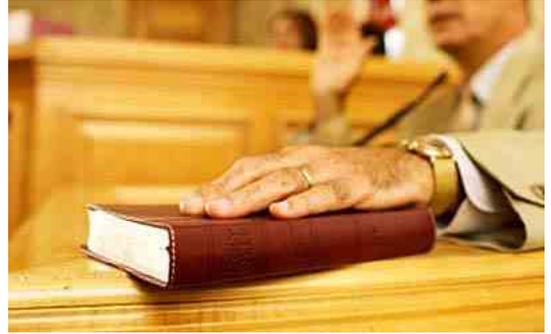


"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we ARE the children of God." Romans 8:16 KJV



Believers KNOW they are God's children the same way a child KNOWS its mother and father; the same way you KNOW what your name is. It is knowledge acquired from countless interactive moments of affirmation. Your faith becomes weak if you do not daily drink at the Spring of Living Water and eat the Bread of Life. We do that by letting God's Word saturate our minds through reading, study, and meditation therein. *ōStudy to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. This Book of The Law (God's Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth (speech); but thou shalt meditate (think) therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to ALL that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have GOOD success.ö* You can have BAD success. You can be a successful drunk. You must wash off the dust of this world (worldly thinking) with the Water of the Word. Jesus said, *ōNow ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you.ö* The Word cleanses our minds, and refreshes our faith in the Almighty by replacing our thoughts and thereby our deeds. The Holy Spirit whispers Truth to our soul as we meditate on the written Word of God. The more time I spend meditating on what I've read, the more my faith is reaffirmed by the Voice that guides my thoughts. The more my faith is reaffirmed, the stronger I become against sin and evil. If the Spirit's *ōstill small voiceö* is not present in your life, if God doesn't whisper His infinite Love to your heart as you read, then perhaps you are not His child, or there is unconfessed sin in your life preventing the intimate fellowship God so desires to have with His children. It is best to keep short accounts with God concerning sin. If the Spirit convicts you about sin, if you've wronged someone, seek their forgiveness and make it right. Guilt and pride prevent us from admitting our sin and neither is a valid excuse. We are like the child that hates to take a bath. It is vital for our soul to be cleansed from sin. If we have unconfessed sin, we have no fellowship with the Lord and no witness in our life that we are His child. Make sure that you are not hiding a *ōprivateö* sin. Ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal your sin so you can confess it, or Satan will wreak havoc with your faith. *ōKeep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright. Siní reigned unto deathí grace reign[s] through righteousness unto Eternal Life. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God Forbid!ö* You have a choice, Dear Believer.

To feel the touch of God's caress,
My sin to Him I must confess,
His Spirit whispers words of Love,
And I will know I'm from above. ~CGP

The true believer is eternally a child of the King! Sin severs the intimacy royal children need with their Father to survive in a hostile world. *ōLet (choice) this mind (God's Word) be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.ö* He has promised to forgive us. We need to believe it and live like it!

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the Truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful (never fails) and just (He took our punishment) to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us (through His Word) from ALL unrighteousness." 1 John 1:8-9 KJV