

A Child of the Kind

Description

Titus 3:1-8

First-century Greek did not have **boldface** or *italic* fonts to emphasize certain words or points. They couldn't change color or make the font larger to get their readers' attention. Instead, they used repetition. When a New Testament passage repeats something, it's nearly always doing it for emphasis.

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! ***And that is what we are!***” (v. 1, emphasis added). So many times we allow other, sometimes unhealthy things to tell us who we are. We let our own self-talk tell us we are failures—worthless, abandoned, and alone. We let our feelings, which can change on a whim, tell us who or what we are.

Enter John, who jumps into the fray, reminds us who we are, and then repeats it for emphasis: We are beloved children of God. Do you want to know who you really are outside of all the chaos and negativity that tries to define you? The Bible says you're a child of God. Now go and live like it.

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