

NOTES FOR 'CHILDISH,' 10.10.2021

- **1 John 3:1** – “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”
- **Romans 8:16** – “The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God”
- **Galatians 3:26** – “For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.”

However, **CHILDLIKE...** does not mean childish.

- **1 Corinthians 14:20** – Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be **mature**.
- **Hebrews 5:14** – “But solid food is for the **mature**, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.”
- **Hebrews 6:1a** – “Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity...”

NPC Principle:

God delights in us being His child, but does not ask us to be childish.

Take responsibility for who you are, *in Christ*:

- **2 Cor 5:21** – For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might **become** the righteousness of God.
- **1 Peter 2:9** – But ***you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession***, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
- **Ephesians 2:10** – For ***we are his workmanship***, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

→ Taking responsibility for my identity *in Christ* means not giving in/up just because it's tough.

- ◆ **Romans 5:1-5** – Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, **but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame**, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

- Romans 8:24-25 – “For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.”

→ Taking responsibility for my identity in Christ means refusing to let things outside of my control take control of me.

- ◆ **Acts 4:1-4** – And as they [Peter and John] were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.
 - V. 20 – for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.
- ◆ **1 Corinthians 3:8** – He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor.
- ◆ **Daniel 3:17-18** – If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.
- ◆ Letting others influence

→ Taking responsibility for my identity in Christ means letting God change my preconceptions.

- ◆ **Romans 12:2** – Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

2 Timothy 3:16 – All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,