

Am I a Child of God?

Recently I went to church with my sweet mother at our old rock chapel. Drawn to little voices coming from the same Primary room I attended decades ago, I walked in the back and observed caring leaders teach this year's theme: "I Am a Child of God." I smiled as I remembered patient and loving teachers who, during our singing time back then, would often look at me—that rambunctious little boy at the end of the pew—as if to say, "Is he really a child of God? And who has sent him here?" I invite each of us to open our hearts to the Holy Ghost, who "beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

President Boyd K. Packer's words are plain and precious: "You are a child of God. He is the father of your spirit. Spiritually you are of noble birth, the offspring of the King of Heaven. Fix that truth in your mind and hold to it. However, many generations in your mortal ancestry, no matter what race or people you represent, the pedigree of your spirit can be written on a single line. You are a child of God!"

"When you ... see our Father," Brigham Young described, "you will see a being with whom you have long been acquainted, and he will receive you into his arms, and you will be ready to fall into his embrace and kiss him."

Moses learned of his divine heritage talking with the Lord face-to-face. Following that experience, "Satan came tempting" with subtle yet vicious intent to distort Moses's identity, "saying: Moses, son of man, worship me. And ... Moses looked upon Satan and said: Who art thou? For behold, I am a son of God."

This great war over divine identity rages fiercely as Satan's proliferating arsenal aims to destroy our belief in and knowledge of our relationship with God. Thankfully, we have been blessed with clear vision and understanding of our true identity from the beginning: "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness," and His living prophets proclaim, "Each [human being] is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents, and, as such, each has a divine nature and destiny."

Coming to know these truths with certainty helps us overcome trials, troubles, and afflictions of every kind. When asked, "How can we help those struggling with [a personal challenge]?" an Apostle of the Lord instructed, "Teach them their identity and their purpose."

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(Please...read this entire talk)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Skyline Ward

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Ye men of Athens...

God that made the world and all things therein...

And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation...

For in Him we live, and move, and have our being... For we are also His offspring.

Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God...

Acts 17:22-29

Go to the stake website for more announcements:

<https://renostakeinfo.org>

The Reno Stake Primary is excited to announce the Stake Primary Activity for boys turning 8 this year – 11-year-old. The Stripling Warrior Round-up. This will be held August 12th at Davis Creek from 9 am to 2 pm. If your son has not filled out the “Permission and Medical Release Form”, please see your Primary President for the form. Your son will need to bring a lunch, a water bottle, sunscreen, wear long pants, closed toe shoes, and bring a hat. The boys in your ward will make new friends, have fun, and gain some outdoor skills.

The Reno Stake is sponsoring classes to assist with Emotional Resilience. How to C.A.R.E. for Yourself and Others.

A class for youth presented by Cynthia Black and Leta-Kaye Hansen. Sunday, August 6, 2023, 6:30-7:30 PM, Robb Relief Society Room. The Robb Building is located at 2050 Robb Dr. Reno, NV 89523.

Emotional Resilience Group Meetings for adults and youth starting Sunday, August 20, 3:30-5:00 PM, Golconda Building. Adults will meet in the Golconda Relief Society Room and youth will meet in the Golconda Young Women Room. The Golconda Building is located at 1095 Golconda Way, Reno, NV.

Please note, these classes are designed as a resource for individuals who want to improve emotional resilience in their lives.

No person, family, or leader should feel obligated to attend. Anyone interested in these events can join us. We hope to see you there.

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Welcome and Announcements

<i>Presiding:</i>	<i>Bishop Beau Keenan</i>
<i>Conducting:</i>	<i>Bishop Beau Keenan</i>
<i>Organist:</i>	<i>Sister Laura Karrasch</i>
<i>Director:</i>	<i>Brother Jay Chamberlain</i>
<i>Opening Hymn:</i>	<i>#89 The Lord is My Light</i>
<i>Invocation:</i>	<i>T.B.A.</i>
<i>Ward Business:</i>	<i>T.B.A.</i>
<i>Sacrament Hymn:</i>	<i>#195 How Great the Wisdom and the Love</i>
<u><i>Passing of The Sacrament</i></u>	
<i>Bishop Keenan: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	
<i>Sis. Whitney Stodtmeister: #136 I know that my Redeemer</i>	
<i>Br. Jeffrey Loftin: #336 School Thy Feelings</i>	
<i>Sis. Melissa Wilson: #304 Teach Me to Walk in the Light</i>	
<i>Br. Warren Rapp: #249 Called to Serve</i>	
<i>Sis. Laura Karrasch: #131 More Holiness Give Me</i>	
<i>Closing Hymn:</i>	<i>#92 For the Beauty of the Earth</i>
<i>Benediction:</i>	<i>T.B.A.</i>