

HOW WE BECOME SONS OF GOD

John 1:12 As many as received Jesus, believing Him and accepting Him, God gave the right to become children of God.

A person must cooperate with Holy Spirit conviction and be brought to saving faith in Jesus for taking our sins away, and then God gives power of a new birth to become sons of God. Belief in Jesus must be established before being born of God. New birth, being born again, is of God. God only gives new birth to those who use their God-given ability to respond properly and receive Jesus.

John 1:13 This verse shows how we were born again after we believed. This birth is totally from God. It is not a physical birth and man cannot willfully bring about this new birth.

“Which were born from above, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” **John 1:13**

God gives the power of the new birth to those who receive Christ as Savior and Lord. You must willfully receive Christ before God will give the power to become sons through new birth.

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God. Receive Christ first, then God will make you born again from above.

John 1:12b To them that believe on His name.

To receive Christ means to believe on, trust in, rely upon Jesus to take away your sin and give you new life in Him.

Ephesians 1:4 Long ago, even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes.

God made a choice of taking those who receive Christ, those who cooperate with the Spirit and are identified with Christ as believers, those who are in Christ, and making them holy and guiltless.

God's purpose for those in Christ who are given new birth after receiving Christ is to show praise to our glorious God.

Ephesians 1:12 God's purpose was that we who were the first to trust in Christ should praise our glorious God.

Ephesians 1:13b And when you believed in Christ, He identified you as His own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom He promised long ago.

