

CHILDREN OF GOD

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from 1 John 3:1-3, 16-22; Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV)

WORSHIP LEADER

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!

EVERYONE

And that is what we are!

WORSHIP LEADER

Dear friends, now we are children of God,
and what we will be has not yet been made known.

EVERYONE

**But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him,
for we shall see Him as He is.**

WORSHIP LEADER

Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.
This is how we know what love is:

EVERYONE

**Jesus Christ laid down His life for us.
And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.**

WORSHIP LEADER

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need
but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?
Dear children, let us not love with words, but with actions and in truth.

EVERYONE

**This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts
at rest in His presence whenever our hearts condemn us.**

WORSHIP LEADER

For God is greater than our hearts, and He knows everything.
Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God
and receive from Him anything we ask,
because we obey His commands and do what pleases Him.

EVERYONE

**Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS

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from Psalm 1 (NASB)

WORSHIP LEADER or SOLO DRAMATIST

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and in His law he meditates day and night.

And he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water,
Which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither;

And in whatever he does, he prospers.

The wicked are not so, but they are like chaff which the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

But the way of the wicked will perish.