

# Christians are Children of God

## -Let's Talk Like It!



## **I. OPENING STATEMENTS**

**A. *“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.***

*For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ”-Galatians 3:26 & 27.*

**B. Not surprisingly, both God and Christ are called “King.”**

*“Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God’s throne:*

*Nor, by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King”  
-Matthew 5:34 & 35.*

***“JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS”-John 19:19.***

*“Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory forever and ever”-I Timothy 1:17.*

***“Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords”-I Timothy 6:15.***

***“And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS”-Revelation 19:16.***

**In the physical realm, there is a strong resemblance between the children and their parents!**

**This should be true in the spiritual realm too! Christians (children of God) should be like their heavenly Father, and like Christ!**

**This lesson is about being like our heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!**

## **I. Let's talk like we belong to God!**

**“I never knew a man that could out-curse him, and I never knew a man that could out-pray him!”**

**This is an actual statement that was made after a certain “Christian” died!!**

**QUESTION: Is it Christ-like for Christians to use filthy, vulgar language?**

**Do Christians want to die and have this hypocritical statement made of them?**

**My answer is an emphatic, “NO!”**

**A. *“Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain”-Exodus 20:7.***

**B. *“Let no corrupt communication (speech, ASV) proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearer”-Ephesians 4:29.***

**Cursing and filthy language is certainly condemned by this verse!**

**But it does much more than just to condemn bad language; it condemns the use of language that is not beneficial!**

**QUESTIONS: Have you ever heard a hurtful, destructive, statement made by someone without curse words being used?**

**“You’re a stupid idiot!”**

**“Hey, you birdbrain!”**

**Do we really think statements like these are beneficial to the hearers?**

**Do we really think that God approves of such language?**

**Such talk usually engenders only worse speech!!**

**Surely we understand that even though no curse words are used in such statements they are not beneficial to the hearers!**

**Ephesians 4;29 teaches that Christians should choose words that are good, will build up, and will minister grace to the hearers!**

### **C. Other pertinent speech passages**

***“But whoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire”-Matthew 5:22.***

***“Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.***

***Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be”-James 3:9 & 10.***

***“Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother , speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge of the law”-James 4:11.***

***“Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king”-I Peter 2:17.***

**QUESTIONS: Are Christians honoring all men and the brotherhood when destructive language is used?**

**Are Christians fearing God when harmful language is used?**

***“Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down on your wrath”-Ephesians 4:26.***

**The text means, “Do not sin when you’re angry!”**

**I have purposely chosen this text because some Christians seem to have the impression when they are angry they are justified in using “Sailor talk!”**

**This is not true! God expects Christians to control their actions in a time of anger so that they don't sin!**

**The latter part of the verse teaches Christians to get rid of anger quickly: “Let not the sun go down on your wrath.”**

**In other words, “Don't harbor anger because it is much easier to sin in an angry state!”**

**My experience has been when you are extremely angry, its better to turn and walk away than to assault someone with your fist, or mouth!**

**POINT OF EMPHASIS:**

**BRETHREN, I HAVE KNOWN OF HOMES WHERE THE CHILDREN NEVER HEARD THEIR PARENTS CURSE!**

**THE REASON IS BECAUSE THEIR PARENTS DIDN'T CURSE!**

**Christians can control their speech! I'll never forget a statement made to me by Brother Donald Bentley in a bible class!**

**He said something along the line of,  
“Being a soldier and hearing bad language  
from nearly every soldier, I slipped into the  
habit of using such language myself. But I  
remembered when I was around my mother,  
I did control it, and this gave me courage to  
realize I could control my language in the  
presence of my fellow soldiers, and I  
stopped the use of filthy language!”**

**BRETHREN, WE ARE CHILDREN OF  
THE GREAT KING-LET’S TALK LIKE IT!**

***“For even hereunto were ye called:  
because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us  
an example that we should follow in his steps:***

***Who did no sin, neither was guile found  
in his mouth:***

***Who, when he was reviled, reviled not  
again; when he suffered, he threatened not;  
but committed himself to him that judgeth  
righteously;***

***Who his own self bare our sins in his own  
body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins,  
should live unto righteousness: by whose  
stripes ye were healed.***

***For ye were as sheep going astray; but  
now are returned unto the Shepherd and  
Bishop of your souls”-I Peter 2:21-25.***

**QUESTION: When Christians suffer and are recipients of evil speech, are we justified in retaliation?**

**JESUS DID NOT RETURN EVIL FOR EVIL!!**

**1. He was scourged-Matthew 27:26**

**2. He was spit upon and smitten on his head  
-Matthew 27:30**

**3. The people mocked him-Matthew 27:31**

**4. He was crucified-Matthew 27:35**

**5. Those who passed by reviled (eblasphemoun)  
him-Matthew 27:39**

**JESUS RETURNED GOOD FOR EVIL!!**

**1. He said, “*Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do*”-Luke 23:34**

**2. “*It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost*”-John 19:30**

**CLOSE: CHRISTIANS ARE CHILDREN OF GOD;  
LET’S USE OUR TONGUE IN A WAY THAT  
GLORIFIES GOD!!**