

Our Heavenly Birth Certificate

Commander Kellie's Corner

Happy New Year, and Happy New YOU, Superkid!



I say “New YOU” because, as I look back on 2023, I realize that I am a different person than I was last year. Are you? Of course you are still you, but the Lord has been helping us to grow up in our minds, to grow healthy in our emotions, and to grow stronger in Him from the inside out.

If you have been reading Commander Kellie's Corner the last few years, you have been learning the truths the Lord has been showing me about my own life and my walk with Him. He has changed me from the inside out, so that I am stronger and more aware of my identity in Him. He is leading us into a new place of knowing Him better, loving Him more and trusting Him completely. Why is that? What is He planning for our future? The Bible describes a Church that is perfected, powerful, filled with God's love and doing miracles. He is remaking us into “Jesus on the earth” people now.

We are the Body of Christ. It is as though Jesus were walking around in your body. We are filled with Him by the Holy Spirit! There will come a time when the Body of Christ is walking in the FULLNESS OF JESUS—when all of His children who carry Him in their hearts, begin to think, feel and choose exactly as He would have them to. Superkid, that includes you and me.

As I was thinking and praying about you, the Lord put in my heart to talk through the book of Ephesians! As Jesus drew me closer to His heart, I began to see that Ephesians is a description of the Body of Christ that we are becoming. He said, “God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth” Ephesians 1:9-10 (*New Living Translation*).

Ephesians was a letter written to believers who were faithful followers of Jesus. The blessings Paul spoke over them belong to you, too. In Ephesians 1:3-4, for example, he says, “All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.”

Since your heavenly Father sees you as one with Jesus, in His eyes you are just as faultless and holy as Jesus. And you are completely His, adopted into God's family when you asked Jesus to come into your heart.

Ephesians 1:7 tells us how much He truly loves us: “He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.” God gave His Son's life to pay for ours, forgive our sins, pour out His grace on us, and shower His love and kindness on us. He even poured out His wisdom and understanding for us to be able to be just like Him (verse 8). This is what is happening to us now, Superkid. We are being shaped and formed into His

image. He is bringing us together—all His holy people—under the perfection of our Lord Jesus. Verse 11 says, “Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.”

God is making everything work out the way He planned it so long ago. He is making you and me and His plans for our lives work out, too! This is truly His peace and grace that is being poured out on all of it right now. This is the good news and we just have to say, “Yes, Lord!” Just like when the children of Israel said yes to Him, He blessed them and delivered them from trouble, showing everyone around that they were His people. When you believe in Jesus, He identifies you as His own by giving you the Holy Spirit, God's very own Spirit, to live inside you and mark you as His. Superkid, have you asked Jesus to come into your heart? Pray with me now:

Father, thank You for calling me to come to You and giving Your Son to pay the price for my sin. Jesus, come into my heart and make me just like You. Holy Spirit, I welcome You to make Jesus real to me. This is my identification, I AM A CHILD OF GOD! IT'S GUARANTEED!

Now, let's do it Superkid! Let's let our lives show His glory until all the world knows the good news that Jesus loves them!

Praising Him,

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