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1. What is revealed about God in this verse?

2. What is revealed about you in this verse?

3. What is God trying to teach you about your position as His child through this verse?

4. Specifically, what needs to change in your actions and/or thought patterns in order to glorify God by living out this position as His child?

Write out one personal goal of action to better live out these truths this week; Be specific.

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