

## The Right to Become – The Privilege of Adoption

### John 1:12

Introduction: Changes can often give a new lease on life.

My school days – Change of Schools – change of names

Text: John 1:12 (Amplified) – But as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave them the Authority (Power, Privilege, right) to become (For the first time) real (biological) children of God, That is, even to those who believe in – adhere to, trust in, and rely, [personal commitment to] His Name [His Personal being].

-receive – two different words – (as a group - - - as an individual)

-become – what he has never been before

-real – children, not adopted

-name – equals personal being

\*\*Receiving Christ gives us the right to become real children of God.

Man's Major victory – the conquest over sin comes by surrender to Jesus Christ.

#### I. The Right to a New Name. (Sinner – Saint) Children of God!

Isaiah 56:5 – “To them I will give in my house and within my walls a memorial, and a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which will not be cut off.”

Revelation 3:12 – “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the Temple of my God...and I will write upon him the name of God”

ILL. Jacob -> Israel = Power with Men

## II. The Right to a New Nature

The right to become – what I never was

II Peter 1:4 – For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Paul – “Corruption must put on incorruption”

Galatians 4:6 because you are sons (by adoption), God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out “Abba,” Father. So you are no longer a slave, but a son (biological); and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

ILL. Pinocchio

## III. The Right to a New Inheritance

A new family – all rights as one born

Romans 8:17 – and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

All this and Heaven too!

ILL. Ben Hur

Conclusion: Underscored the tragedy of unbelief!

Name

Nature

Inheritance