

THE RICHES OF BEING A CHILD IN GOD'S FAMILY

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Introduction

Publishers Clearing House - I got a letter telling me that I was a finalist for millions Guaranteed to win
- But as you can probably guess, I don't have millions or live like that - WHY?
(Gimmick, scam, don't trust, throw away)
- Was I really a millionaire? No

But many believers who have placed their trust in Christ, live the same way before God
- They've seen & read the legal papers but they don't trust them to take hold of what is their's.

READ Galatians 4:4-7

God sent his Son to redeem (purchase out of slavery) those under the law, to be adopted.
- Legally you are not longer slaves, but you are free as a Child a God
- You have been purchased to become the heir of God

Adoption is the Loving Embrace of the Father

Justification is the legal adoption papers that declare who we have now become - children of God.
But our legal papers are not really what we cherish about God, but rather his relationship to us.
Just as none of us celebrate our birth certificate on your birthday and Fathers' day
- We celebrate our relationship that I am my father's and my father is mine.

All those that are justified by Christ are adopted into God's family as his children:

1. Enjoy the freedom and privileges of the children of God
2. Have His name put upon them - your know as His by others (All of him attributed to you)
3. Have access to the throne of grace with boldness
4. Inherit the promises
5. Are enabled to cry out to God as their Father
6. Disciplined by Him as by a Father

* These privileges are not for those outside of God's family.

When we become Christians, to now live as people who are free is a totally different operating system for living out your life.

ILL - It is the same as the scientist who believed the universe orbited around the earth, then Copernicus came along and proved scientifically that the solar system revolved around the Sun, including the earth.

- IT WAS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SYSTEM THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING SCIENTIFICALLY AND MATHMATICALLY.

- This new free operating system is available to us, and it is how we are to fully experience God
- But our sin, fights us to make us live by the old slave system - not experiencing God's fullness.

ILL - An orphan becoming adopted the wealthiest and most influential man in town who then returning daily to live as an orphan on the street.

Conclusion

How then do we live out the Christian life under the new free operating system?

Col. 2:6-10 Therefore, **as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith**, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.