

HOW TO BECOME A CHILD OF GOD

Scripture:

John 1:11-12, 16

Introduction

Jesus came to a world to make it possible for men and women to walk in a personal relationship with the Almighty God. He came first to a group of people who knew about God. They had seen God's mighty hand of deliverance, provision and protection for centuries. Incredibly, these people rejected Him.

But for those who actually accepted Him for who He was and is, He gave them authority and ability to become children of God.

I. The ones who rejected Him

John 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

- A. He came first to people who knew about Him
 - 1. They had read the prophecies
 - 2. They knew he was to come
- B. What prevented them from accepting Him
 - 1. Self righteousness
 - 2. Their own concept of how He would come
 - 3. Their own concept of what He would do
 - 4. Their own positions and power
- C. What His desire was to do in their lives
 - 1. To increase their talents and abilities
 - 2. To augment their ability to fulfill their positions
- D. Probably the church today would be among those who reject Him

II. The ones who received Him

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

- A. Who received Him
 - 1. Disinfranchised
 - 2. Dysfunctional
 - 3. Diseased
 - 4. Dregs
- B. The ones who needed him the most
- C. What He gave them
 - 1. Authority
 - a. To know God
 - b. To approach God
 - c. To befriend God
 - 2. Ability - Dunamis
 - 3. Grace - Charis

III. How to receive Him

John 1:16 NIV From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.

- A. The process of receiving Him
 - 1. Realize that He alone can bring you to God
 - 2. Depend upon Him alone to enable you to change
 - 3. Ask Him daily for ability to live for Him
 - 4. Ask Him daily for grace to please Him
 - 5. Make Him the commander in chief in your life
 - 6. Let Him rule your life

B. The benefit of receiving Him

1. Grace
2. Blessing