

ICE AGE: THE POWER OF FAMILY

WHEN YOU BECOME A CHRISTIAN, GOD _____ YOU

“God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.” Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!” 1 John 3:1a

5 FAMILY PRIVILEGES YOU GET WHEN GOD ADOPTS YOU

1. YOU CAN SPEAK & RELATE TO GOD AS A GOOD & LOVING _____

You can tell for sure that you are now fully adopted as his own children because God sent the Spirit of his Son into our lives crying out, “Papa! Father!” Galatians 4:6 (The Message)

“This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven...’” Matthew 6:9a

2. GOD HAS COMPASSION FOR YOU AND _____ YOU

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. Psalm 103:13-14

3. GOD _____ YOU

So don’t feel sorry for yourselves. Or have you forgotten how good parents treat children, and that God regards you as his children? My dear child, don’t shrug off God’s discipline, but don’t be crushed by it either. It’s the child he loves that he disciplines; the child he embraces, he also corrects. Hebrews 12:5-6 (The Message)

4. GOD GIVES YOU MANY GOOD _____

If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! Matthew 7:11

5. GOD GIVES YOU AN _____ IN HEAVEN

Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir. Galatians 4:7 (NLT)

And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. Romans 8:17 (NLT)

And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for my sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life. Matthew 19:29 (NLT)

All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children. Revelation 21:7 (NLT)

TWO IMPLICATIONS

1. TREAT EACH OTHER WITH FAMILIAL _____

“Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.” 1 Timothy 5:1-2

2. CELEBRATE YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS OF A DIFFERENT _____

“The Messiah has made things up between us so that we’re now together on this, both non-Jewish outsiders and Jewish insiders. He tore down the wall we used to keep each other at a distance.” Ephesians 2:14 (The Message)

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12