

**CHILDREN OF GOD--John 1:12**  
**(A N.T. concept except for Gen. 6:2, 4)**

I. Introductory comments:

- a. EXOUSIA = Power/Authority
- b. By nature we are adopted (Rom. 8:14-17)
- c. The transaction is through faith (Gal. 3:26) and the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:14)
- d. Jesus promised it to peacemakers (Mt. 5:9)

II. Recognized by:

- a. They stop sinning (1 John 3:9-10; 5:18)
- b. They love one another (1 John 4:7)
- c. They believe in Jesus (1 John 5:1)
- d. They love God and obey Him (1 John 5:2)

III. Blessings of:

- a. Victory over the world (1 John 5:4)
- b. Intimacy with the Father/Abba (Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6)
- c. We are fellow heirs of Christ (Rom. 8:17)
- d. Pending eschatological fulfillment (Rom. 8:19-21; 1 John 3:1-2)