

Relationships

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Introduction

1. John 1:12
2. We have the power to become the sons of God
3. That does not mean that we are automatically a child of God
 - a. Many may think this because of a saintly mother or father
 - b. Some may think this because of the country they live in
 - c. None of these things make us a child of God
4. Relationships are important
 - a. Husband-wife
 - b. Mother-child; father-child
 - c. Siblings
 - d. Friends
 - e. God
5. What is your relationship with God?

II Discussion

1. Not everyone has God as their Father John 8:44
2. Sin can separate us from our relationship with God Isaiah 59:1-2
 - a. The background of this passage is Genesis 3:1-3
 - b. Death is a separation
 - c. Adam and Eve were separated from God Genesis 3:8-11
 - d. We are all sinners Romans 3:9-10, 23
 - e. This means that not everyone who has used the power to become a child of God
3. We can obtain a relationship with God again
 - a. It is through adoption Romans 8:15; Ephesians 1:5
 - b. Adoption" is a term involving the dignity of the relationship of believers as sons; it is not a putting into the family by spiritual birth, but a putting into the position of sons (Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words)
 - c. This places us where we can be blessed Ephesians 1:3; Romans 8:16-17
4. How does one obtain this relationship with God?
 - a. We have to separate ourselves from the unclean things 2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1
 - b. We must die to sin Romans 6:1-6
 - c. We will apply the blood Revelation 1:5; 1 Peter 1:2-3; Romans 6:3-4
5. The results is that we can call God our Father
 - a. Matthew 6:9
 - b. Romans 8:15
 - c. 1 Peter 1:17-23 (notice the sentence structure here)

III Conclusion

1. Do you know who is your father?
2. If you have not obeyed then God is not your Father
3. Obey His Will to repair the broken relationship 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Sources; Vines Thompson chain reference on Spiritual relationship (740)