

Refrigerator Notes 04 January 2015

'Children of God'

John 1:10-18

1. The scripture says, "Yet to all who received him, to those who believe in his name, He (Jesus) gave the right to become children of God."
2. Because of that promise, we inherit a new kind of power, to all who receive him and to all who believe him
3. But here lies a paradox power to become powerless, authority to be under authority
4. The evidence of this new power is new birth, when we are willing to die to everything in this life, including rights, virtues, religion and become willing to submit to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ
5. By becoming children of God, we become a part of God's family
6. The challenge with being members of God family is to make the right decisions despite personal consequences and discomforts, the challenge to accomplish and to demonstrate the power of God to unbelieving people, the challenge to witness and testify to who God is, the challenge to know God through His Word and the challenge to love God and our neighbor
7. To receive Jesus means to accept Him for who He is and for what He wants to do in our lives — Jesus has the right
8. To reject receiving Jesus means rejecting the truth and the light that came to save the world
9. To believe in Jesus means to acknowledge Jesus' Power and Authority in and over our lives
10. Lack of belief means falling away from our salvation or rejecting our salvation given to us by God through Jesus Christ who shall make us perfect before the Father
11. We as children of God are called to follow Jesus and rejoice in His fellowship with one another and not create chaos
12. For all who receive Him, we inherit salvation and the right to become children of God and to all who believe in Jesus, we are given the right to be called sons and daughters of God
13. It means we owe God the honor and glory for all that His Son did for us — by dying for our sins and the sins of the world
14. Brothers and sisters, the human condition, based on our own ability, is hopeless from the moment of our conception but thanks be to God He has chosen to make some, to give some, the right to be called children of God
15. We say that as children of God, we crave for righteousness, forgiveness, and a relationship with God, which can only be found in our faith in Jesus Christ
16. 1 Corinthians 16:13 says, we must stand on our faith — 'Our faith in Our Lord Jesus'