

Today's Theme

“Adoption Means A-Lot”

Series Title

“Making Much of Jesus”

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1. We can *ignore* the titles God gives us.

- (1) *Sleep* walk through their significance.
- (2) Set *aside* the most confidence *building* words.

2. These words *come from* somewhere.

Declaration Of Independence

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

3. How did they *become* “Self-Evident”?

- (1) For most of history common people had *no* rights.
- (2) Jesus joins us & offers a *new status* to mankind.
- (3) If *friendship* w/God is available as Jesus stated:
-We all are of *equal* value.

4. How did all this *come about* - SE?

- (1) What Jesus & Apostles *taught* about people.
- (2) It took centuries for these *changes* to happen.
- (3) Roman Empire became the *benefactor* at first.
- (4) John Calvin & Martin Luther *challenged* the system.
- (5) The Founders wrote SE *into* the DOI.
-They built assumptions of *value* for every human.
-They *stood* on the *shoulders* of Jesus/Apostles/reformers.

So what did Jesus & Apostles teach us?

1. We are *friends* of Jesus.

John 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, . . .

2. All men are created *equal*.

Col 3:11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

3. We are joint *heirs* with Jesus.

Rom 8:17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs— heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, . . .

4. We are a royal *priesthood*.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

5. We will *rein* with Him.

2 Timothy 2:11 Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him. . . .

6. We have been *redeemed*.

1 Peter 1:18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors,

7. We are *children of God* - *Adopted* by Him.

Eph 1:5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, . . .

Rom 8:15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”

John 14:18 I will not leave you as orphans; . . .