

Becoming One in 2021 part 8 handout

Becoming A Child of God

John 17:21-23 (KJV)

1. We must become one with the Father, like Jesus was one with the Father.

A. Jesus said that when we become one with Jesus and the Father, that is how the world will believe the Father sent His Son.

B. We are to become one in the glory, or reflected image and likeness, making us perfected or complete. Unity with God has only one reflection, the reflection of the Father.

C. When we become one, we are loved by the Father, the way Jesus was loved by the Father. Isn't that awesome?

D. We are adopted into His family through Jesus Christ. You can be adopted and not belong if you're unwilling or unable to belong.

E. We must receive our adoption as sons. Jesus came to redeem us and to show us how to be the Father's children. We know how to be servants, now we must learn how to be son's and heirs of our Father God. **Galatians 4:1-7 (KJV)**

F. We were servants to others and other things which brought us under bondage. We are known of God when we are sons, not when we are just servants.

G. We find our identity not in our serving but in our sonship.

H. Jesus said we must be known by God, not just servants of God to enter His kingdom and be ready for His coming. **Matthew 7:21-27 (KJV)**

I. You can only be known by the Father by becoming His son or daughter. We become known through Jesus Christ and what He's done to redeem us.

J. Jesus is the adoption agent that presents the Father's children to Him and His family. Orphans can't adopt themselves to other families, they are adopted through the work of others.

K. We're not known initially by our own works, we're known by His works of redemption.

L. We are only able to obey Father when we follow the obedient Son, who leads us in the paths of righteousness.

M. Build your house (place of dwelling) upon the rock of Christ (what He's done to make us one) not upon the sand of our own works. We can build our lives upon what Christ Has done and is doing in our lives.

N. The healing love of the Father is what a father wounded world really needs. It will be the focus of Father God before the return of Christ. **Malachi 4:5-6 (KJV)**

O. There will be a prophetic anointing that will heal the father wounds which will turn people to Father God and then earthly fathers and children.

2. All orphans come with heart wounds and behavioral problems.

A. We come to God as adopted orphans. What is an orphan's greatest need? To be loved by a father and a family.

B. That's why St. John referred to new believers as "my little children", all newly adopted children need a loving spiritual father and family.

C. God has chosen and called unloved orphans to be His children. Those who have been rejected and abandoned are the ones God chooses to be His sons and daughters. **Romans 9:23-26 (KJV)**

D. Father God sent His Son to bring us what we all need. You can see the problem in the natural world we live in. We need a loving Father and family

E. We must choose to come out of bondage from the things of the world. We must choose to get free and stay free.

F. An orphan mind set seeks to retain the self-protections and provisions of the world. Those mindsets become the very things that pull us away from God dependence. **Galatians 4:3-9 (KJV)**

G. Children live at home, they don't just visit occasionally. They are cared for and trained up for life and all that it has to offer.

H. To be a child is to be dependent, that's why children are referred to as dependents. Orphans have to learn dependence, they have learned self-dependence.

I. Orphans in the natural operate much the same as spiritual orphans.

J. Orphans are some of the most injured people on the planet experiencing all kinds of trauma from malnutrition, abuse, neglect, lack of health care and most important of all, their greatest need – the love and security of a family.

K. Child Orphan stats:

L. Adult orphan stats:

M. I don't know about you, but I can see a lot of parallels of spiritual orphans who have similar mind sets.

3. Jesus said the greatest in the Kingdom of God are those who become as children.

Matthew 18:1-6 (KJV)

A. Becoming children is something Jesus expected His followers to do.

B. Jesus warned about those who offend His children. The word offend here in the Greek means, to lead to sin, cause to stumble or disobey God.

C. Children are the most vulnerable and at the same time, most precious to Father God. You never outgrow being a child of God.

D. Children must learn to be led by the Spirit instead of being led by their flesh. Our identity is based on whose we are, and whose leading us, not on what we do or who we are in the natural.

Romans 8:11-18 (KJV)

E. While children suffer with Christ, orphans pull away from God when they suffer and don't get their own way.

F. Our beliefs and behavior standards come from the Father and are demonstrated by His Son in the power of the Holy Spirit.

G. It takes faith to become and remain the children of God. **Galatians 3:26-29 (KJV)**

H. To become the children of God, we must accept that we are accepted by God into His beloved family. Do you accept that you are accepted by God, just as you are? **Ephesians 1:3-7 (KJV)**

I. It's only as God's children, that we can we grow up spiritually. You can't grow yourself up, alone. You can only grow up in the house of the Father.

J. Spiritual maturity takes place in a body, not a book. We don't grow up in a Seminary, college or university. We can grow up and then to go to a Seminary, college or university. **Ephesians 4:14-16 (KJV)**

K. The world will elevate your mind, the Lord will illuminate your mind. Don't let the world deceive you and make you mind dependent. Stay dependent upon the illumination God brings to your mind. **Ephesians 4:17-20 (KJV)**