

WE HAVE A HEAVENLY FATHER

John NKJV 14: ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

2 Corinthians NKJV 5: ¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ,

1 John NKJV 3: ⁸ He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil

Hebrews NKJV 1; ¹ God, who ^[a]at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by *His Son*, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the ^[b]worlds;

Matthew NKJV 11: ²⁷ All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.

THE BENEFITS:

1. IDENTITY

Romans NKJV 8: ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, ^[e] Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,

Genesis NKJV 1: ²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

2. SELF-WORTH

1 John NASB 3: 3 See ^[a]how great a love the Father has given us, that we would be called children of God; and *in fact* we are.

2 Corinthians NKJV 5: 17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

3. AWARENESS OF A HOME IN HEAVEN

Luke NKJV 16: 19 “There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and *lived* sumptuously every day. **20** But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, **21** desiring to be fed with *the* crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. **22** So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom.

4. TOTAL SECURITY

John NKJV 10: 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. **29** My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father’s hand. **30** I and My Father are one.”

John NKJV 14: 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also

5. MOTIVATION FOR SERVICE

Colossians NKJV 3: 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.