

Power to become a "son of God"

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Text: John 1:11-13

Power (1849 *exousia*) – privilege; force; capacity; competency; freedom;

- also translated as – authority; jurisdiction; liberty; power; right; strength

Romans 8:15 → The Spirit of adoption.

How we perceive ourselves in relationship to God will determine...

- ...how we view Him,
- ...how we view ourselves,
- ...how we respond to Him,
- ...the outcome of our lives as a product of faith,
- ...the way we relate to the rest of the Body of Christ (and the world).

Much of the Church still perceives itself through an orphan mindset.

- *Victim* – still living in the past experience of every injustice that has been perpetrated upon them (leads to blame and excuses)
- *Poverty* – never enough resources; always in want; beggar;
- *Un-affirmed* – unloved and motivated by fear
- *Irresponsible* – failure to own where they are and where God wants to take them

John 1:13 – We have been born of God!!!

- Our spiritual position in Christ as sons of God supercedes any earthly lineage (and whatever stigma is attached to it).

Romans 8:14-17 - Sons of God are led by the Spirit of God.

- v.19 – Creation groans awaiting the manifestation of the sons of God.

Galatians 4:4-7 – As His sons, the Spirit of our Father is in us.

- And His Son, Jesus is being formed in us (v.19)