

- I. Introduction.**
  - A. To receive eternal life and become a child of God you must believe in and accept Jesus as Savior and Lord (John 1:12).**
  - B. Children of God are blessed and have many privileges, but they also have great responsibilities (see Luke 12:48).**
  - C. God expects the blessed to be a blessing to others.**
- II. Six Things About Children of God.**
  - A. They don't practice sin (v.18).**
    - 1. They do sin (see 1 John 1:8), but they don't continue in habitual sin with no desire or intent to repent.**
    - 2. With God's help we can overcome any sinful habit.**
  - B. They are protected from Satan by Jesus (v.18).**
    - 1. Satan can tempt a child of God, but he can't touch a child of God unless God allows it.**
    - 2. The only definite example of God allowing Satan to do this is Job (see Job 2:4-7).**
    - 3. Evil beings cannot touch or possess followers of Jesus because Jesus and guardian angels (see Heb. 11:14 and Psalm 91:11) protect them.**
  - C. They can understand spiritual truth (v.20).**
    - 1. Everyone can get something out of the Bible.**
    - 2. But you need the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit to understand spiritual truth (see 1 Cor. 2:9-14).**
  - D. They know the true God through Christ (v.20).**
    - 1. Mankind has created and worshiped many gods, but there is only one true God, the God of the Bible.**
    - 2. The only way to know the true God is through faith in Jesus Christ (see John 14:6).**
  - E. They have eternal life (v.20).**
    - 1. God, who is eternal life, gives eternal life to those who trust and obey his Son Jesus.**
    - 2. Eternal life is both a quantity and quality of life.**
  - F. They must have no other gods before them (v.21).**
    - 1. Idols come in many forms.**
    - 2. Anyone or anything we put before God is an idol.**
- III. Conclusion.**
  - A. Our blessings and privileges come with responsibilities.**
  - B. We who are blessed and privileged need to do our best to be a blessing to others.**