

the sons (children) of God in a family sense.

2. Romans 8 shows us that Christians have the Holy Spirit (vss 14-15) and are thereby adopted or placed as sons in the Divine family. The witness of the Spirit is given to them to confirm this truth as they are “adopted” or placed in the divine family (vs 15) and the reality of “heirship” is also part of the family relationship.

3. Galatians 3:26 confirms the reality of the children of God while the fact of adoption is again stated in Galatians 4:5-6.

4. In summary, those who believe are the children of God. They believe on the Son, are adopted by the Father, and made secure by the Spirit.

#### B. The Prospects

1. 1 John 3:1-2...When He shall appear, we shall be “like Him.”

2. Philippians 3:21..We shall be changed after the likeness of Him (1 Corinthians 15:51 as well)

3. 1 Corinthians 15:49: We shall be perfected.

4. 1 Thessalonians 4:17: We shall be with Him forever.

5. There are many things not made explicit about this coming reality and the eternal state. We will need to wait them out to see the fullness...but in