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## Sons of God

Text:- John 1:12.

Int:- Sons of God have many distinguishing features. They become sons of God through contact with Jesus Christ. This contact is to be continually maintained. See 1John3:2.

### I. Distinguishing Features.

There are family resemblances which distinguish all the sons of God. There are Christian virtues which will shine out no matter where one may be. Husband who gave his seat to an Indian woman. Her husband went to thank him. "Yes, we expect things like that from a Christian!" The man said that when he learned that the man was a missionary.

He will love like Jesus loved. They, the sons of God, will continue to acquire his attitude toward forgiveness. They will harbor hatreds or bitterness. Long suffering, tolerance, kindness will distinguish their lives.

### II. Faith and Works.

The son of God will be distinguished both by faith and works. Their religion will not run out in words. It is a glorious thing to be saved from sin. It is a more glorious thing to be saved for a purpose. Mr. Charles Spurgeon's overdraft.

### III. The Great Emancipation.

"We know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him".

The Bible does not say much about the here-

after. But it always takes for granted that there is a reward for those who are faithful. Whatever or wherever heaven may be, one thing is sure, it will be for those who can live in harmony of the people of God, those who are seeking to be like him.. People who live together, work together, grow to be like one another. Probable their thoughts and ideals are nearer than their physical appearances. Heaven would be hell for who have no desire to be like Jesus. It is for the sons of God.

One of the greatest mistakes a man can make, is hoping for heaven when he himself and all he does is out of harmony with heaven.

"Then shall I see and hear and know  
All I desired or wished below;  
In every power find sweet employ  
In that eternal world of joy."