

God's Holy Will and Commandments can we live a true and beautiful life.

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## THE PRIVILEGES OF BAPTISM

In Baptism we were made members of Christ (1 Cor. XII. 12, 27). (b) Children of God (Gal. III. 26, 27), (c) Inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven (Rom. VIII. 17.) What does this mean? That God, instead of letting us wander in darkness, placed us in the light—instead of giving us a bad start with all against us, gave us a good one with much to help us: that He adopted us into His Family—The Church, and allowed us to grow up amid the blessed influences of the Divine Home. And although we may have not appreciated or used these privileges—although we may have gone into a 'far country,' we need not despair. We still belong to the Divine Family, and can say "I will arise and go to my Father."

It is one thing, however, to learn of our inheritance, and quite another thing to take actual possession of it. The Father has placed us in His Family, but if we would dwell there we must wear the white dress of the Family and share in its high and beautiful and holy life. We must help to maintain the family honour, and to fight the family battles. God calls us now at Confirmation from an unthinking and careless or indolent life to understand our true position, enjoy its