Sermon Outline

Adoption – Our Highest Privilege 1 John 3:1-2

- I. Introduction:
 - Christianity's bold claim: You can know God as your Father
 - Overview of 1st John
- **II. Exposition**: The Love of God = redemption, adoption, and glorification
 - **A.** Behold the amazing love of God (vv:1-2)
 - 1. Love that is condescending, sovereign, free, unchanging, and everlasting (1 John 4:9-10)
 - Love that exalts and dignifies its objects (Rom 8:15-16)
 Children of God, but strangers to the world (Eph 4:17ff; John 17:14,25)
 - **B.** Rejoice in the reality of who you are, and what you are going to be (v:2)
 - 1. You are <u>now</u> a child of God (v:2a)
 - 2. You will see Christ and be like Him (Philip 3:21; 2 Cor 3:18)
- III. Application: