



SUNDAY SERMON

RECAP

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Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: I'm part of God's family

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Key Scripture: Various

Introduction

It is wonderful to belong to an earthly family. Families provide a sense of belonging and security. It is difficult for those who haven't experienced this for some or other reason.

Family traditions are special. Whether they be Sunday lunches, or special coffee times. We need to be intentional about creating family times of engagement in our homes.

We also need to guard against any cutting off from our earthly families.

In addition to our earthly family we are also part of a bigger family called the family of God. We are truly blessed!

1. WE ARE WONDERFULLY PRIVILEGED TO BE PART OF GOD'S FAMILY

1 John 3:1-2 (NKJV) – “Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

Verse 1 – “Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us.”

Verse 1 (AMPC) – “See what [an incredible] quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should [be permitted to] be named and called and counted the children of God! And so we are!”

Verse 1 (NIV) – “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!”

We are children of God; we are part of His family when we believe in Jesus. Father God has adopted us into His family. For those who don't think they are part of God's family, but who long to be called a child of God, if you believe in Jesus and receive Him into your heart, then you are born again.

John 1:12 (NKJV) – “But as many as **received** Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who **believe** in His name.”

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2. AS MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY WE HAVE BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Hebrews 3:1 (GW) – “**Brothers and sisters**, you are holy partners in a heavenly calling.”

Hebrews 13:1 (NKJV) – “Let brotherly love continue”.

Think about other Christians that you know. They are your actual brothers and sisters in Christ.

Think about other Christians that you don't know, even those living in other countries. They too are your brothers and sister in Christ.

Example of Pastor Ed and Pal Roebert going to South Korea on a tour. Even though the believers there couldn't speak English, the warmth of fellowship testified that they were brothers and sisters in the Lord.

3. KEEP ENGAGING WITH THE FAMILY OF GOD

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NKJV) – “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Verse 25 (CEV) – “Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that.”

If you seldom engage with your church family then both you and them are worse off. But if you do engage with your church family then everyone wins.

There should be a stirring up of love and good works among the family of God.

In the Bible the assembling together focused on worship and receiving instruction in the Word of God.

Some people stop engaging with their church family because they have become upset with something or have taken offense. But we need to be mature spiritually, and willing to work through things.

Consider that the Lord could very well use that situation to deal with something that is in your heart.

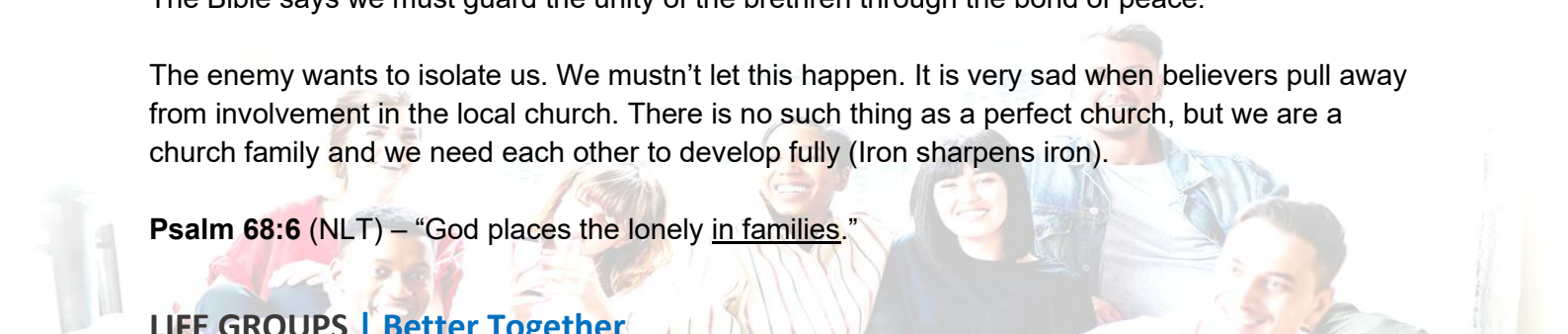
The Bible says we must guard the unity of the brethren through the bond of peace.

The enemy wants to isolate us. We mustn't let this happen. It is very sad when believers pull away from involvement in the local church. There is no such thing as a perfect church, but we are a church family and we need each other to develop fully (Iron sharpens iron).

Psalms 68:6 (NLT) – “God places the lonely in families.”

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4. YOU BELONG, YOU BELONG, YOU BELONG

Having a sense of belonging is a wonderful thing. To share our lives with other sons and daughters of God.

The Apostle Paul knew this. He used the word brethren 60 times in his letters. He understood the value of the church family.

Ephesians 2:19-22 (NKJV) – “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

The words strangers and foreigners does not apply to the family of God. The words fellow citizens and members of God’s family do.

God has put us together even though we come from diverse backgrounds, languages, cultures, age groups etc.

We are united in Christ. We are together in the Kingdom of God.



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