



FAMILY OF GOD

CHILDREN OF GOD

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1 John 3:1

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MESSAGE NOTES

What is a Christian? The question can be answered in many ways, but the richest answer I know is that a Christian is one who has God as Father. — J.I. Packer

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. — 1 John 3:1

1. WHAT KIND OF LOVE

a. Shrinks from no sacrifice

b. Not because I am lovely

God is a God who loves because He must and who must because He is God.

2. WHAT KIND OF NAME

3. WHAT KIND OF CERTAINTY

Just as we are born into our family only once, when God adopts us into His family, it is once and for all.

4. WHAT KIND OF COMMUNITY



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- If someone were to stop you in the parking lot on the way out of church and ask you what the sermon was about, what would you say?
- What does it mean to think of the church as a family?
- What does it mean for the Christian to bear likeness not only to Jesus but to the church he/she is part of?
- What kind of sacrifice does the love of God require of you?
- Why is it easy to forget the gravity of what it means to be called, "In Christ?"
- Philosophically, it's easy to understand the permanence of our union with God but practically we all drift toward forgetfulness. Why does our relationship with God need certainty?
- How does being in community change you? What have you gained? What have you had to give up?