A Father's Love

Brent Moody · 1 John 3:1–6

INTRODUCTION

- One of our jobs as a father, fathers, is to offer that sense of security, that sense of strength to our family.
- Unfortunately, some people in this life don't have that kind of father, and that's always a very sad thing.

1 God Is the Father

1 John 3:1; Hebrews 12

- See what kind of love or what manner, the type of love the Father has given to us.
- God is the Father. There's a statement being made about him. That he has this nurturing, this caring, this protective, this secure type of love that he wants to offer us.
- But we learn as fathers the right way to love by looking to the Father.
- When we look to him as the Father, it shows us the way that we would love our children.

2 He Calls Us His Children

Ephesians 1; Ephesians 2

- We have a father who cares so much about us, he loves us that he calls us his children.
- In Ephesians chapter 1, that we are adopted as children. Especially in ancient times, that conveyed, in a sense, even a deeper kind of love.
- A man would choose a child to adopt, to bring him into his home. This is very significant.
- So God uses both images. He uses the image of adoption. Here he uses the phrase, just the idea of him being a father and us being children to express to us the way in which he loves us.

3 Children Want to Please Their Parents

1 John 3:3

- This speaks to intimacy, the intimacy of this relationship. He is a father, and we are children.
- But that goal is still there as children. We want to please our parents.
- Everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.
- They want to be holy like he is holy. They'll want to be like God, just like children want to be like their parents.

4 We Trust Our Father

1 John 3:2

- And there's a level of trust here because we trust when we're children, we trust our parents.
- But we know that when he appears, we'll be like him, because we're going to see him as he is.

- We don’t know exactly what that’s going to look like. We don’t have to, because we trust our Father that it’s going to be good.

5 He Demonstrated His Love to Us

- And we know love not because we love the Father, John goes on to say, but because he loved us.
- He demonstrated that fatherly type of love and the fact that he sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins.
- When we could not do anything for ourselves, he demonstrated his love to us.

THE CHALLENGE

Can we help you do that tonight? Why don’t you come as we stand and we sing?

MY NOTES