

Sermon Notes

Radical Love Ephesians 5:1-2

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- John 1:12, Romans 8:15-16, Hebrews 4:16

The Orphan

I will not leave you as orphans...
(John 14:18)

- Feels alone. Lacks a vital daily intimacy with God. Is full of self-concern.
- Anxious over felt needs: relationships, money, health. "I'm all alone and nobody cares. I'm not a happy camper."
- Lives on a succeed/fail basis. Needs to "look good" and "be right." Is performance-oriented.
- Feels condemned, guilty, and unworthy before God and others.
- Has little faith, lots of fear, lots of faith in himself: "I've got to fix it."

The Child of God

But he has given us the Spirit of sonship and by him we cry, 'Abba, Father!'
(Rom 8:15)

- Has a growing assurance that "God is really *my* loving heavenly Father."
- Trusts the Father and has a growing confidence in his loving care. Is being freed up from worry.
- Learning to live in daily, conscious, partnership with God. Is not fearful.
- Feels loved, forgiven, and totally accepted because Christ's merit really clothes him.
- Has a daily *working trust* in God's sovereign plan for her life as loving, wise, and best. Believes God is good.

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- 1 John 3:16

Love is the one thing we must do well in

- Colossians 3:13-14, Galatians 5:14
- 1 Corinthians 13:13, Galatians 5:6

Our primary heart posture towards others should be love

- Ephesians 4:29, 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

If truth is not undergirded by love, it makes the possessor of that truth obnoxious & the truth repulsive. -Ravi Zacharias.

- Romans 5:8, John 3:16-17
- Luke 23:34, Luke 6:27-28, 32-36
- John 4:19, Luke 7:44-47, Ephesians 3:17-19