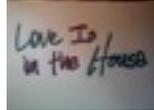


5 May 2013 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reading: Acts 16:9–15; Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5; John 14:23–29.

Theme: *Love is in the house* – John 14:23, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and **we will come to them and make our home with them.**”

Children’s message: “Where does God live today?” “Father the Architect... Jesus the Builder... Holy Spirit the Presence of God.”



INTRO: Strange to say, but God is looking for a home. Not just a house but a home. A place where He can dwell...



“Daddy’s Home! Revels in the excitement of a young child welcoming Daddy home at the end of his day.”

I. “DADDY’S HOME!”

1 John 3:1, “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”

1 John 4:8, 16, “Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love...** And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. **God is love.** Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.”

John 3:16, “For God so **loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Romans 8:15, “The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “**Abba, Father.**”

Illus. When I come home, I love it when the kids feel/react this way.



II. “HUBBY’S HOME!”

Song of Songs 5:6, “I opened for my beloved, but my beloved had left; he was gone. My heart sank at his departure. I looked for him but did not find him. I called him but he did not answer.”



Galatians 4:4-5, “But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive **adoption to sonship**.”



Patience is a BIG part of love, but so is CELEBRATION and JOY!!

John 20:19-20, “On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. **The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.**”

Colossians 1:24-27, “**Now I rejoice** in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.”

Illus. I love when either Anita or I get home we greet one another.



III. "MUM'S HOME!"

John 14:25-26, "All this I have spoken while still with you. But **the Advocate (Comforter, Counsellor), the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."



Galatians 5:22, "But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace..."



CONCLUSION: ["Mackenzie Allen Philip's youngest daughter... we're more than enough."] This text was in response to a question from Judas (John 14:22), "Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus provides part of the answer today.



Toby Mac, "Mama always said it's a matter of fact, that when love is in the house the house is packed; Love is in the house and the house is packed, So much so I left the back door cracked; Daddy always said that I wish I was black, cuz when love is in the house the house is packed." When love is in OUR HOUSE it is MORE than enough for us to be witnesses to that fact. We are home! In Jesus' name. Amen.

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