6. F

"Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."

-Colossians 3:13



The Family of God

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Images in the Bible that help us understand our relationship with God and each other . . .

A body (1 Corinthians 12) A living tree (John 15) Bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:25) A family (Galatians 6:10)

Sermon Text:

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the <u>family of believers</u>." - Galatians 6:10 NIV

Why did God create families?

"At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven." - Matthew 22:30 NIV

"In the day when God created man, <u>He made him in the likeness of</u> <u>God</u>. He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created." - Genesis 5:1-2 NASB

> Marriage and family were created in the likeness of God *"He made him in the likeness of God…"*

- Genesis 5:1

BIG IDEA

God created families to give us a picture to help us understand our relationship with God and each other.

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"Everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil-this

is God's gift to man."

-Ecclesiastes 3:13

ACTION POINTS FOR TODAY

□ Join the family of God by committing your life to Christ.

□ Commit to becoming a part of the Spiritual family at Grace. Attend a Growth Track class to begin the process of connecting. The next date is December 6.

Grace 101 CONNECT Grace 301 SERVE Grace 201 GROW Grace 401 GO

All growth track classes start at 2pm and end at 4pm.

□ Attend a small group tonight. Join a small group by filling out enrollment form online at graceassembly.org

□ Invite someone to join you next week @thegraceag

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Families Help Us Understand Our Relationship

"Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name . . . " - Matthew 6:9

"One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." - Ephesians 4:6

"God is the one who made all things, and all things are for His glory. He wanted to have many children to share His glory..." - Hebrews 2:10 NCV

"His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ." - Ephesians 1:5 TLB

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"I want you to know how people who are members of God's family must live. God's family is the church." (GW) 1 Timothy 3:15

You belong to the family of God

"You will all be joined together, and you will give glory to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ accepted you, so you should accept each other, which will bring glory to God" - Romans 15:6-7 NCV.

Any Christian that is not part of a church is a spiritual ______

"Love your spiritual family." 1 Peter 2:17 (Msg)

Seven Ways A Family Can Love Each Other

1. P_____

"Pray for one another" - James 5:16

2. G_____

"Don't give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

—Hebrews 10:25

3. _____ Together

"Serve one another humbly in love."

-Galatians 5:13

4._____ Honor

"Outdo one another in showing honor."

-Romans 12:10

5. E_____

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up,

just as you are doing."

—1 Thessalonians 5:11