

# Family Resemblance

Sunday, September 27, 2015 6 p.m.

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## Introduction

1. Most of us have some resemblance to our physical family.
2. We were created in the image and likeness of our heavenly Father (Gen. 1:26-27; Eph. 4:24).
3. Consider four ways we, as children of God, should resemble our heavenly father when it comes to how we deal with those who are lost.

### I. Don't Be A Respector Of Persons.

- A. God does not favor people because of who they are or what they do (Acts 10:27-29; 34-35).
- B. Favoritism is forbidden throughout scripture (James 2:1-4, 8-11).
- C. Our actions and/or lack of actions can demonstrate favoritism toward certain individuals.

### II. Believe In People.

- A. God believes the best in people (Acts 9:10-16, 26-28).
- B. Loving our neighbor means believing the best in them (I Cor. 13:4-7).
- C. When we fail to believe in others, we are failing to believe in God.

### III. Extend Grace And Mercy To People.

- A. God is in the business of grace and mercy (Eph. 2:4-9).

- B. God doesn't extend grace and mercy because of who we are, but because of who He is (Psa. 86:5).
- C. Just as God is gracious and merciful, we ought to be gracious and merciful as well (Luke 6:36).

### IV. Celebrate When People Change

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### Conclusion:

1. As children of God, we ought to resemble God in how we see and treat those who are lost.
2. God has gone to great depths to save those who are lost.
3. What depths are you and I willing to go for those who are lost?

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# GOD'S FAMILY

## Family Relationships

Sunday, September 27, 2015 9 a.m.

### Introduction:

1. Disciples of Jesus are more than just "servants of God" (Psalm 113:1).
2. Disciples of Jesus are more than just "friends of God" (John 15:14).
3. We are "children of God" and part of God's family (1 John 3:1)!
4. What does it mean to be in the family of God?

### I. What Being In God's Family Means

- A. Growth (2 Peter 3:18).
- B. Patience (1 Thessalonians 5:14).
- C. Forgiveness (Matthew 18:21-22).
- D. Encouragement (Ephesians 4:29; Hebrews 10:24-25).
- E. Love (John 13:35).
- F. Discipline (Hebrews 12:7-8).
- G. Identity (Galatians 3:26-27).
- H. Problems (Acts 6: 1-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:15).
- I. Comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3).

### Conclusion:

1. There is no downside now or in eternity for being in the family of God!

## Family Glory

Sunday, September 27, 2015 10 a.m.

### Introduction:

1. (Ephesians 5:25-27).
2. In this passage, Paul speaks of the church, God's family, as being "glorious."
3. What makes the family of God glorious?

### I. The Relevancy Of Our Message.

- A. (Romans 1:16).
- B. (1 Timothy 4:16).
- C. (2 Timothy 16-17).

### II. The People Comprising This Family.

- A. (1 Peter 2:9).
- B. (Hebrews 11:38).

### III. The Origin Of The Family.

- A. (Ephesians 3:10-11).
- B. God's family is his "show-and-tell" to the angels.

### IV. The Price Paid For This Family

- A. (Acts 20:28).
- B. If the cost paid for something indicates is worth, then the family of God is of great value!

### V. The Destiny Of This Family

- A. (John 14:1-3).
- B. (2 Samuel 12:23).

### Conclusion:

1. If you're not a part of God's family, then what's holding you back?
2. We have a glorious past, a glorious purpose, and a glorious destiny.

