

Our House is a Very, Very, Very Fine House

(Ephesians 2:19-22)

- Introduction:
1. In 1970, Crosby, Stills, and Nash wrote a song entitled, "Our House."
 2. One of the lines in that song said, "Life used to be so hard, now everything is easy because of you."
 3. I think this is an apt description of the household of God.
 4. A few years ago, I wrote a book entitled, "205 Virginia Avenue," in which I reminisced about the blessings of family.
 5. Life is so much easier and better to go through it with family, than alone.
 6. In this lesson, I want to share four things that we have by being a part of the household of God.

I. We Have Fellowship

- A. Fellowship and the Lord's Supper are not two distinct things.
- B. Ever wonder why we call the Lord's Supper communion?
 1. Because it is a fellowship.
 2. The Greek word, "Koinonia" is translated fellowship and communion.
- C. Think of the good people you are communing with and are a part of your household.

II. We Have Love

- A. In our household, acts of love are commonplace (John 13:35).
- B. Needs are met (Acts 4:32-37).
- C. We seek the best for each other (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

III. We Have Edification

- A. Edification means to build one up.
- B. It's something that is common in the household of God, and is something that is pursued (Romans 14:19).
- C. Again, edification is common in the household of God.

IV. We Have Discipline

- A. Discipline isn't enjoyable, but it is helpful (Hebrews 12:5-11).
- B. Discipline has a three-fold purpose.
 1. Restore the fallen (1 Corinthians 5:5).
 2. Be a light to the world (1 Peter 2:11-12).
 3. Keep the church pure (1 Corinthians 5:6).

- Conclusion:
1. Our house is indeed, a very, very, very, fine house!
 2. I hope this lesson has helped you to appreciate the family of God, and if there are those who are not yet a part of this family, God invites you to be a part of his family.