

Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Church

The Lord's Day, Sunday April 18, 2021

*“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”
At once they left their nets and followed him. Matt. 4:19-20*

10:50 AM Church Family Announcements

11 AM Morning Worship

Prelude B.J. Lyle

Responsive Reading:

Leader: Let love be genuine and live in harmony; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

People: Outdo one another in showing honor; be humble and never conceited.

Leader: Love is stronger than death and jealousy is cruel as the grave.

People: Floods cannot drown love and wealth cannot buy it.

Leader: Put love above all else: let Christ's peace rule in your hearts.

People: Always be forgiving, as Christ has forgiven you.

Leader: Let us not love only with words or speech,

People: But with actions, and in truth.

Welcome and Prayer Pastor Karen

*Praise Songs *“Take My Life” – “They’ll Know We Are Christians”*

Children's Sermon Pastor Karen

Special Music *“My Prayer”*

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Karen

*Hymn *“The Servant Song”*
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*Scripture Reading 1 John 3:1-3, 10, 16-18 Pastor Karen

Ministry in Music *“Less Like Me”* Scott Bradshaw

Sermon CHILDREN OF GOD Pastor Karen

*Hymn *“Living for Jesus”*
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“ * ” indicates the congregation should stand.
You are welcome to use the church wi-fi! The password is– psqvcvk4xr3cf5

Seven Breathtaking Privileges of Being a Child of God

1. Security

We are not to fear but enjoy sonship (v 15a). An employee or a servant basically obeys out of fear of punishment, loss of job, etc. But a child-parent relationship is not characterized by a fear of losing the relationship.

2. Authority

In a house, slaves have no authority. They can only do what they are told. But under their parents, children do have authority in the house—they are not mere servants. There should be a confidence and poise about them. Children have the honor of the family name. There is a wonderful new status conferred on us.

3. Intimacy

“Abba” was an Aramaic term which is best translated *“Daddy”*—a term of the greatest intimacy. And this is how Christians can approach the all-powerful Creator of the universe, who sustains every atom in existence moment by moment!

4. Assurance

When we cry out to God as *“Abba,”* the Spirit of God somehow comes alongside us (*“with our spirit”*) and gives us assurance that we truly are in God’s family.

5. Inheritance

“Now if we are children, then we are heirs” (v 17). This means we have an incredible future. Paul is saying that what is in store for us is so grand and glorious that it will be, and will feel, as though we each had alone gotten most of the glory of God.

6. Discipline

A good father will lovingly discipline. He will not use his authority selfishly to indulge his own need to feel powerful or in control. But neither will he be so needy for his child’s love and approval that he never does what is hard or difficult. It is a (painful) privilege to be put through discipline by the most loving Father in the universe.

7. Family likeness

We get to be like him! Though we are adopted, God actually implants Christ’s nature in us. As sons of God, we actually come to resemble the Son of God.

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