

**Scripture Reading: Luke 6:27-36**

**Sermon Title: Uncommon Royalty: Adopted by God**

**“Grow in love — Go & Love.”**

<sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be **sons of the Most High**, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

<sup>36</sup> Be merciful, even as **your Father** is merciful.

Luke 6:35-36

*The Essence of **The Adoption**:*

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*But now, O Lord, you are our **Father**;*

we are the clay, and you are our potter;

we are all the work of your hand.

Isaiah 64:8

‘I said,

How I would set you among my sons,

and give you a pleasant land,

a heritage most beautiful of all nations.

*And I thought you would call me, **My Father**,*

and would not turn from following me.

Jeremiah 3:19

I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that **the love with which you have loved me** may be in them, and I in them.”

John 17:26

**The essence of the adoption is people are being brought into an eternal family of love with God as their father, Jesus as their older brother, & others as brothers & sisters.**

**To be children of God is a precious gift of love.**

*The Foundation of **The Adoption**:*

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***Analogia fidei**-the ‘analogy of faith’ or the rule of faith*

-Interpreting more difficult or unclear passages by the clearer ones

He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave **the right to become children of God**, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:11-13

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that **we should be called children of God**; and **so we are**.

1 John 3:1

even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for **adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ**, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:4-6

for he is *[was]* kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

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**We don't earn our way into the family of God; The Father loves us in.**

I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that **the love with which you have loved me** may be in them, and I in them.”

John 17:26

a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Luke 3:22

**Meditate on the love of God in Jesus (spend 10 minutes every day this week)**

*The Formation of The Adopted (beloved):*

Be merciful, even as **your Father is merciful**.

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The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, ***a God merciful and gracious***, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup> keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.”

Exodus 34:6-7

**To be children of God is a noble & necessary calling.**

**Jesus calls us to be childlike not childish.**

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

1 Corinthians 13:11

**What is God calling you to put away so you can press towards maturity?**

**Love takes presence & practice.**

By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love

1 John 4:17-18

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

John 15:9 (*John 15:1-17 on abiding*)

**God is perfecting His love in us as we rest in His love towards us.**

**Meditate on the love of God in Jesus (*spend 10 minutes every day this week*)**

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:12

**God is perfecting His love in us as we practice His love towards others.**

**Make a plan to love intentionally for the next 6 weeks.**