



HOPE Church Fall 2020 Life Groups – Sunday, 9/27/2020 sermon notes

This week's message reminds us that in Christ, we are part of the Family of God. We have unity as adopted sons and daughters through Jesus in God's Kingdom and we need to come together in community with other believers in God's Church

Pastor Keith's message encouraged us to know that as believers we are a part of God's family. We are loved, forgiven and not alone. We have been chosen by God and adopted as a son or daughter, with *all of the privileges that come with that*. And, because we have been adopted by God we are each called to own the responsibility we have with our unique place in that family and God's eternal plan and to work in the lives of other men and women. Are we willing to fully live out and embrace "We" over "Me"?

Sermon Points:

1. Everyone who accepts Christ and what the cross means is adopted into the family of God.

Romans 8:14-15 - 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons[a] of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

What does it mean for you, personally, to be adopted into God's family? How would you describe your own connection to the body of Christ?

2. Everyone who accepts Christ and what the cross means is called to own what it means to be a part of God's household.

Ephesians 2:19-22 – 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

What do you think are some of the responsibilities we have to each other in the Body (try to be specific)? Are you living out what you have just described? If there is an aspect or responsibility that you feel weak about, what do you think you could do to become stronger at it?

3. Everyone who accepts Christ and what the cross means has been created uniquely and given unique gifts that make you viable, vital, and valuable in God's family and His eternal plan for people

I Corinthians 13:4-7, 24-27: 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good ..., 24 But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 *that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another*. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. 27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it (*emphasis added*)

Do you know what your Spiritual Gift might be? If yes, how are you using it to support unity in the Church. If not, are you willing to make the effort to discover what it is? How might you accomplish that?



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Other relevant verses of Scripture to consider:

Ephesians 4:4-7 - 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—
5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But grace was
given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

- *All Scripture taken from the ESV*