



Sermon series: Joy Full
Text: 1 John 3:1-3
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The Joy of Being a Child

Big Idea: We Remember so that we can Rejoice.

Remember Who You Are: _____ (vs. 1)

If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father. 'Father' is the Christian name for God." -J.I. Packer

1. The _____ of God's Love.
2. The _____ of God's Love.
3. The _____ of God's Love.

Remember Where You're Headed: _____ (vs. 2-3)

1. A _____ unlike any other. (1 Corinthians 13:12)
2. A _____ unlike any other. (Romans 8:19)
3. Live like that _____ is coming.

"I am a child of God. God is my Father; heaven is my home; every day is one day nearer. My Savior is my brother; every Christian is my brother too. Say it over and over to yourself first thing in the morning, last thing at night, as you wait for the bus, any time when your mind is free, and ask that you may be enabled to live as one who knows it is all utterly and completely true." -J.I. Packer

Remember What it Cost: _____ (Galatians 4:4-5)

What are some things that make adoption a great picture of the gospel?

What type of impact would it have on our life if we really always believed that God is our Father and we are his children? How would this change how we think, feel and live?

Where do you currently need to be reminded that God is a good father who loves you perfectly as his child?



Think of an instance in your life recently where joy seemed absent? What did you do to attempt to stir up joy in that moment?

What ways are you prone to fill in the blank of "God loves me because _____" with "I" statements?

Have you ever thought about what it will be like to see Jesus face-to-face for the first time? What images or descriptions come to your mind as you think about that day?

What are some reasons why we should think more often about Heaven? What effects can this have on our present life?

Make it a goal to remind yourself each day this week of these six things: 1) I am a child of God. 2) God is my Father. 3) Heaven is my home. 4) Every day is one day nearer. 5) My savior is my brother. 6) Every Christian is my brother too. Ask God to help you live as a person who knows these things are all utterly and completely true.

Further Resources:

- [Watch the Entire Jacob Chen Adoption Story](#)
- If you have kids, consider purchasing ["The Awesome Super Fantastic Forever Party" by Joni Erikson Tada](#). Read this book to them as a way to stir their imagination of what heaven will be like.