

The Joy of Family
Part 1
God's Self-Portrait

Genesis 1:27-28

Introduction:

The Joy of Family:

Today - God's Self-Portrait

June 7 - The Holiness of Happy Lovers

June 14 - Parenting with the Father's Pleasure

June 21 - A Hopeful Vision: *Seven Lessons I Learned from My Dad about Family Life*

I. God's Character

Glory, Goodness & Gladness in Relationship **John 1:1**

II. God's Canvas

The Relationships of our Homes were Designed to exhibit a Rich & Revealing Portrait of God:

Marriage:

His Glorious Image -

Genesis 2:24 & 1:27; 1 Corinthians 11:3

His Passion for Grace -

Ephesians 5:31-33

Parenting:

His Glad Identity -

John 17:24-26; Matthew 3:17

His Promise in Grace -

Romans 8:14-17

III. God's Calling

To See & Engage the Closest Relationships of Our Lives as the Centerpiece of:

Maturity -

Ministry -

Mission -

Genesis 1:27-28

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 2:24

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife and they shall become one flesh.

Ephesians 5:31-32

31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

John 17:24-26

24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Romans 8:14-17

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.