

Sermon Notes: April 9, 2017

Children of Mercy, Children of Judgement

Series: "The Christian Family"

Ephesians 6:1-3 • Pastor Tony Campbell

- **Children grow to become not what they hear but what they see.**
 - Jesus followed to become like his father.
 - We follow Jesus to become like Jesus.
 - We follow Jesus to teach our children well.
- **His resurrection means victory over death.**
 - The resurrection means we become children over mercy and grace.
 - God has shown us mercy - we are called to show mercy.
 - To be children of grace and to have victory in Christ, the scripture tells us that we need 2 things:
 - The Apostle Paul says that we are saved by grace thru faith, so we need faith.
 - We need to forgive (Matthew 6:14-15, Galatians 3:13, Matthew 18:21-22, Mark 11:26, Ephesians 4:31-32)
- **Forgiveness is very important.**
 - It frees us from prison of the past, prison of our own anger, and it teaches our child to be children of light. Palm Sunday is about a God who is willing to go to Jerusalem and death to show us his mercy. Because we all make mistakes, we all fail at times. Palm Sunday reminds us, and our children, that our failure is not fatal in Christ.
 - Our nations have become judgmental. Churches have become Judgmental. This leads us to a world, at best, where we cannot work together, and at worst, to a world where we are at war with our neighbor. Instead, God calls us to hold our convictions with humility and compassion. God calls us to be children of mercy and grace. He calls us to provide a better world for our children. To teach our children to become people of mercy, grace, and life.

Life Application Questions

- How has God shown you mercy in your life?
- How have you shown the mercy of God to your children, family members, neighbors, and those you disagree with?
- When has someone shown you mercy and grace in your life?