

Sunday, January 15, 2018 – First Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon: Children of God

Read John 1:9-14



We are new creations, the body of Christ and children of God. In a way all are children of God since He made us, but we read in this morning's reading that it is those who believe in Jesus who are given the power to become children of God. We are His children because of our faith and the actions of Jesus. Jesus came so that we could become the children of God. Just like our being a new creation and the body of Christ we are children of God because of our faith and the gift that God has given to us. We are His children because of His grace.



As the children of God, we see our relationship with God. We are His family. We are His servants, but it goes beyond that, we are His children. It is not that we have to beg Him to get His attention. We can go before Him with boldness knowing that He will hear us when we call to Him. He loves us and wants the best for us. That does not mean we get everything we want, but we know that He is at work to give us the best. Just as parents love their children we are loved by God. Jesus makes the comparison between human parents and our Father in Heaven. He does not get preoccupied to the point of not listening to us. He is the perfect parent.



There are traits that we have as children of God. Families have traits. There are things that people do because of their families. We do not even realize it sometimes, but we do things because of traits that we pick up. There are things that we do because our parents did them. Even when we do not want to. I have said things to my children that when I said it I remembered my parents saying it to me and sometimes even remembering how irritating it was when I was told that. What are the traits of our Father that we should pick up? He is loving. He is generous. He shows us how to live.