“The Joy of Being a Part of God’s Family”

Philippians 1:1-11                    February 9, 2020

Wherever you go, you will see buildings with signs in front. First Church, Community Church, etc. but the church is not a building; it uses buildings. The Church is not an organization; it uses organizations. It is not a program, although it uses programs.

The Church is people - people who have received their life from Jesus Christ, people who are sharing that life with one another, people who are extending the Christ-life to all those around them. Church is people sharing Jesus! Church is God’s family!

Three reasons why being a part of God’s family brings joy!

I. A CHosen FAMILY:

A. We are called to be Saints, and we are called Saints. The word “saint” means sanctified one. And sanctified means to be set apart for God.

B. Chosen family is a saintly family and a Holy family. A different family.

C. A chosen family is a Koinonia family.

II. A CONFIDENT FAMILY:

A. A confident family who is mentioned in this text is the local church. In the New Testament, the word church is used 115 x’s. 20 x’s it is used in a general sense. To refer to the total body of redeemed, the saved of all ages. 95 x’s it is used in a local sense to refer to a local congregation of believing people.

B. There is only one church, one family of God. It is both visible and invisible. It is both universal and triumphant.

C. A confident family is one who believes God will accomplish in us and complete in us what He has begun. Ephesians 2:6-7

III. A COMPLETE FAMILY:

A. A complete family of God is not about building buildings. We are about building a family! The trials of life are times of growth in the family.

B. A complete family of God will demonstrate family values and stand out as living examples of Christian love.