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LOVE IS FIRST

Sunday Sermon Notes: June 18, 2017

Experience Victory in the Love of the Father –1 John 3:1-3

I. I am loved far more than I dare imagine! v. 1

- I'm loved publicly
- I'm loved passionately
- I'm loved permanently

Take It Home...

- Secure in God's love for me, I don't have to live to please anyone else.
- Certain of my place in His family, I can live in freedom to be who God made me to be!

II. Because God is my father, I have an amazing (present) but I also have a future far beyond what I can even imagine – v. 2-3

God's Fatherhood in MY PRESENT - Our present is clear! We're the children of God. As children, we've got a loving father who lovingly cares for us. His eye is toward meeting our needs in the present (food, shelter, health, etc.), but he also has plans for our future. What can we know about God's care for our present?

- 1) He knows what I need – Matt 6:8.
- 2) He has the means to meet my needs – Philippians 4:19
- 3) His love for me compels Him to never leave my side – Hebrews 13:5b

God's Fatherhood in My FUTURE - There are 3 things we can say with certainty about that future:

- (1) He sees all of my future even if I don't.
- (2) Day by day, He's reshaping me toward my future.

Take It Home...

- I've got to learn to stop trying to earn God's love – As my father, I've already got it – and I can't lose it!
- I can rest assured in my present because God has my future already secured.