

Sermon 21 stories the church

GOD'S DREAM TEAM

(or...A New Humanity)

I Corinthians 12:12-27

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- We may be odds and ends to the world...but we are beloved of the Father.
- God uses his New Humanity to bless the world...Oh, Salty and Bright Ones!

A MOVE TO JESUS PUTS ONE IN A WHOLE NEW CATEGORY

- We were transferred from the Dark Side to the Kingdom of the Son. Colossians 1:13, 14
- You are a peculiar people...a chosen, royal and holy bunch. I Peter 2:9, 10
- We are the trustees of the Word...the dispensers of Heaven's wisdom. Ephesians 3:10, 11

GOD'S FOREVER FAMILY IS A 'NEW HUMANITY'

- The usual distinctives don't apply: Ethnicity, Genealogy, Who is your Dad?
- A new identity. Outsiders have become insiders. Visitors became the Home Team. Ephesians 2:11- 22
- We were baptized into his body...Jews/Greeks, Slave/Free I Corinthians 12:12- 13

OUR GOD-CONNECTION MAKES OUR RELATIONSHIP TO EACH OTHER PRETTY AMAZING

- We are Family...and should show it! Ephesians 4:29-32

- Forgiveness, bearing with one another, preferring one another...our new duty and joy. Colossians 3:12-16
- The mark of our family tie? Big Love! John 13:34, 35

OUR ROLE...CHANGE THE WORLD

- We are a City built on a Hill. Matthew 5:14- 16
- We are God's Ambassadors to the world. II Corinthians 5:17- 21

SO WE HOLD ON

- Hold on to God
- Hold on to each other
- Hold on to hope
- Hold on to our purpose

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