**Notes:**

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**August 4th. 2019**



**Wide Open Spaces - 3**

***“Freedom from Religiosity”***

Welcome

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**Romans 5:2 (Message Bible)**

*We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand - out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise.*

**Me, religious?**

At the heart of Religiosity:

 Our attempts to reach and please God

 (Reasonable).

At the heart of Relationship:

 God reaching us with His perfection.

 (Revelation)

**Someone you know might be religious if…**

* They focus on ‘principles’ Vs the ‘person’ of the savior.

 E.g. Disciples want to call down fire on Samaritans

 **(Luke 9:54)**

Jesus was full of Grace & Truth, whereas they focused on Law **(John 1:14)**

* They focus on trying to love God ‘more’.

 E.g. John the apostle gets a revelation.

 **(1 John 4:19)**

Called up higher into Love’s realm and is told to be ‘not afraid’

 **(Revelation 1:9-18)**

 Vs 17 – *“Do not be afraid’*

Be secure in your sonship.

 Pray Ephesians 3:14-19

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*14For this reason I bow my knees to the Father [*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=%28Ephesians+3%3A14-19%29&version=NKJV)*]of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,*

*17that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

**God sees us through the lens of sonship!**

**Romans 8:15**

*For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!*

The fruit of faith (love) is to cry out: “Abba (Daddy) Father”

**Born into the family, 👪
 yet not knowing what your Father is really like**

The prodigal son & his brother!

 Neither really knew the true

 heart of their Father

**Communion**

God invites us to draw near through communion

with an assurance of His love for us

**James 4:8-17**

*Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.*