



## Sermon Notes

**Message:** Life is Overwhelmingly Better with Jesus  
Pastor Rob Merki, September 15, 2019

In one week, we shared in a family reunion, celebrated a wedding, and took part in two funeral services. It was a very salient reminder of the ebb and flow of life. Through it all there was a celebration of life, of family, and of hope. Reunion, wedding, funeral... family life.

**A. God has made us family (Ephesians 2:18-20)**

"We have the security of the divine family, but more than that, we are guaranteed the loving care of the Father." —Willard Taylor

**B. Family celebrates when things are good (Romans 12:15)**

"God's love does not attain its goal until it has re-created us as Christlike persons." —William Greathouse

**C. It is possible to celebrate life even in trial (Job 19:25-27)**

"What is certain is that Job believes he has a redeemer who loves him and for whom his heart yearns." —R.C. Sproul

"I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear"  
—Richard Gillard