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## **COLOSSIANS 2:2-3**

**My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**

2.

**A human life is worth as much as the respect it holds for the mystery. We retain the child in us to the extent that we honor the mystery. Therefore, children have open, wide-awake eyes, because they know that they are surrounded by the mystery. They are not yet finished with this world; they still don't know how to struggle along and avoid the mystery, as we do.**

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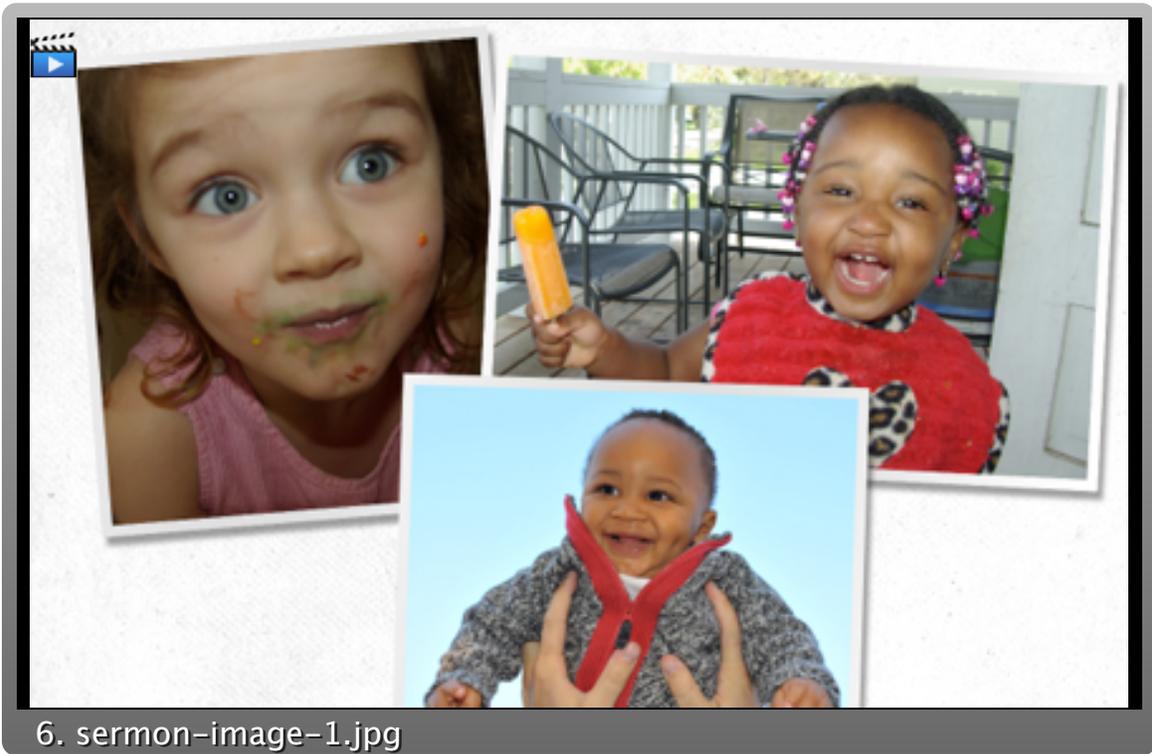
**We destroy the mystery because we sense that here we reach the boundary of our being, because we want to be lord over everything and have it at our disposal, and that's just what we cannot do with the mystery....Living without mystery means knowing nothing of the mystery of our own life, nothing of the mystery of another person, nothing of the mystery of the world; it means passing over our own hidden qualities and those of others and the world.**

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**It means remaining on the surface, taking the world seriously only to the extent that it can be calculated and exploited, and not going beyond the world of calculation and exploitation.**

**-Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

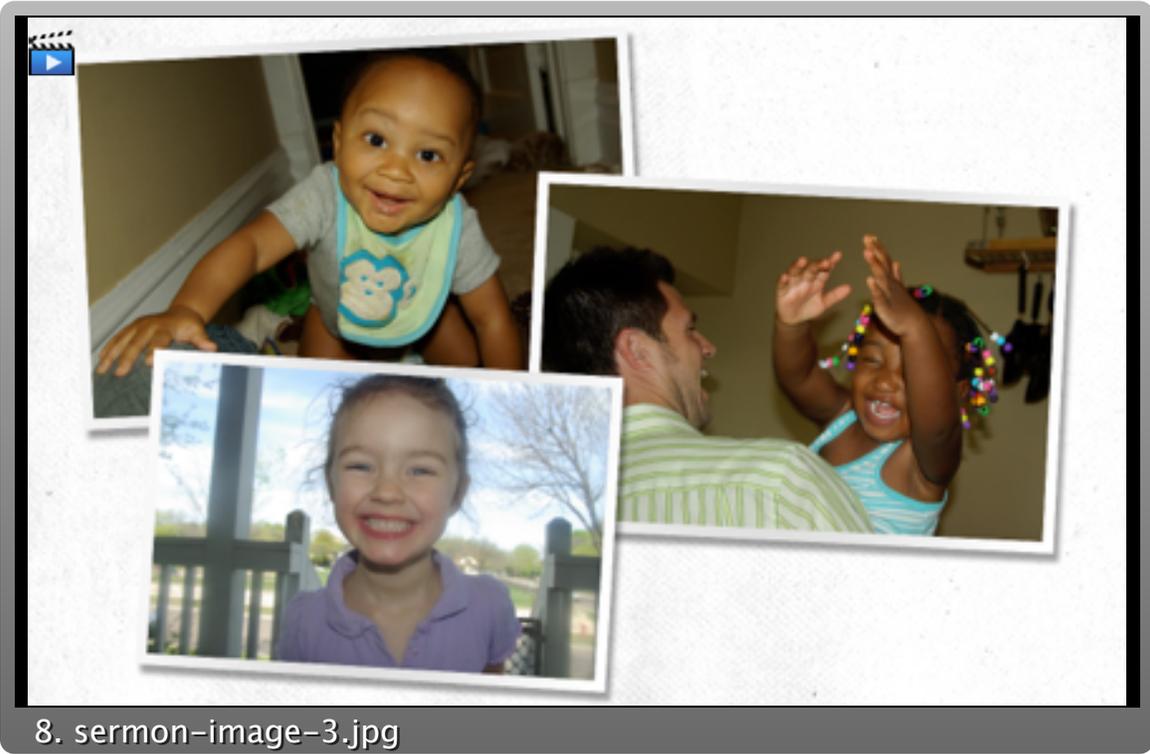
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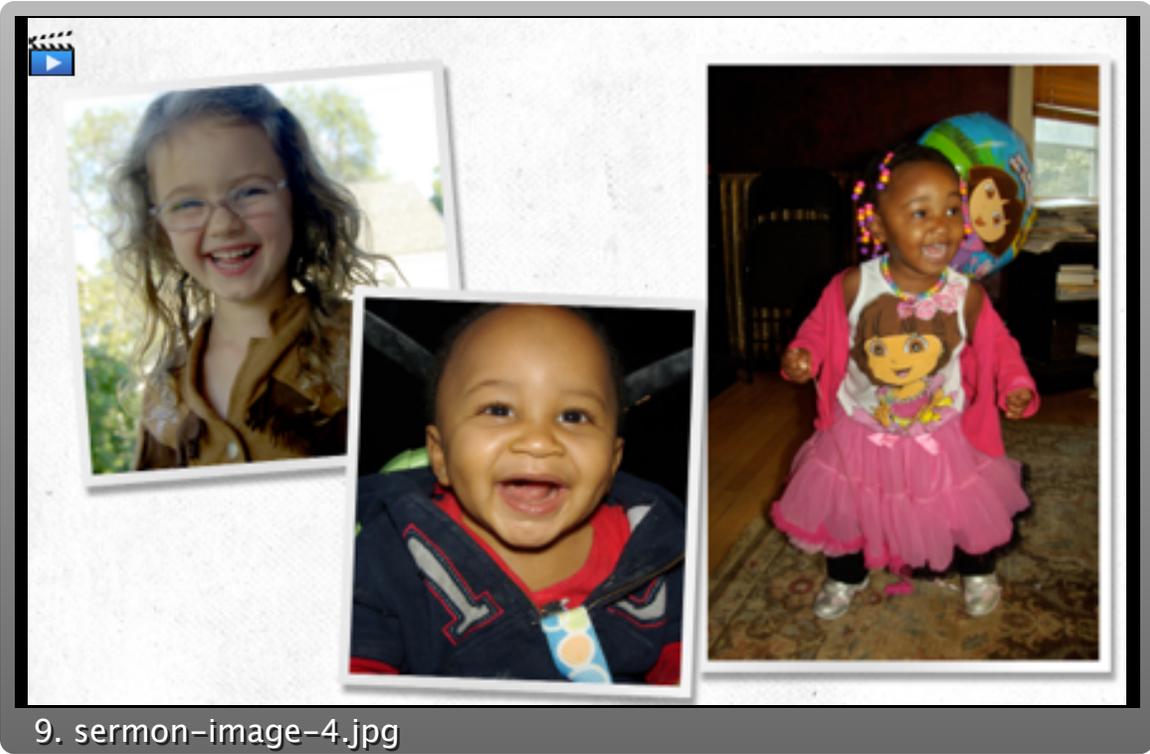
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**COLOSSIANS 2:9**

**For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in  
bodily form,**

10.

**JOHN 1:14**

**The Word became flesh  
and dwelt among us.**

11.

**HEBREWS 4:15-16**

**For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence,**

12.

**EPHESIANS 5:1-2**

**Be imitators (mimitai) of God: live in love, as Christ loved us and gave his life for us.**

13.

**the final depth of all mystery is when two people come so close to each other that they love each other. Nowhere in the world does one feel the might of the mysterious and its wonder as strongly as here....knowledge about each other does not remove the mystery, but rather makes it more profound.**

**-Dietrich Bonhoeffer**