



# God's Family

## We Are Family

### Key Scripture:

Proverbs 4:3 NCV

It takes wisdom to have **a good family**, and it takes understanding **to make it strong**.

### The Family

Mark 3:31-35 NKJV

31 Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him. 32 And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him,

"Look, Your mother and Your brothers are outside seeking You."

33 But He answered them, saying, "Who is My mother, or My brothers?"

34 And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said,

"Here are My mother and My brothers!"

35 For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother."

### Family Traits

✓ Our **DNA** is from Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:26 NLT

For **you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus**.

✓ We are part of something **bigger** than ourselves.

Ephesians 2:19 CEV

You Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners.

**You are citizens with everyone else who belongs to the family of God.**

✓ Our relationship with God and God's Family are **connected**.

1 John 4:20-21 NLT

20 If someone says, "I love God," but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? 21 And He has given us this command:

**Those who love God must also love their Christian brothers and sisters.**

✓ We **encourage** one another.

Hebrews 3:13 NIV

But **encourage one another** daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be **hardened by sin's deceitfulness**.

✓ We **grow** stronger with God's Family.

1 Corinthians 14:26 ERV

...The **purpose** of whatever you do should be **to help everyone grow stronger in faith**.

### Putting the "WE" in Family...

#### 1. **Engage** with the Family.

Matthew 12:46 NIV

**Jesus was still talking to the crowd**

Ephesians 2:14 TLB

For Christ Himself is our way of peace.

He has made peace between us Jews and you Gentiles by **making us all one family, breaking down the wall of contempt that used to separate us**.

#### 2. **Receive** the Family.

Matthew 12:46 NIV

While Jesus was still talking to the crowd,

**His mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to Him.**

Romans 15:7 NKJV

Therefore **receive one another, just as Christ also received us**, to the glory of God.

#### 3. **Be** God's Family.

Mark 3:34-35 NKJV

34 And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said,

"Here are My mother and My brothers!"

35 For **whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother.**"

1 Peter 1:3 TLB

All honor to God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; for it is His boundless mercy that **has given us the privilege of being born again** so that **we are now members of God's own family**.

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