

The Church: The Family of God



1st Truth:
God Is The Father Who Forms The Family

(The Church is a Family adopted by God)



Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. [5] **God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.** This is what he wanted to do, and it **gave him great pleasure**.

Ephesians 1:4-5 NLT



But to as many as did **receive and welcome Him**, He gave the **right** [the **authority, the privilege**] to **become children of God**, that is, to those **who believe** in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name— **who were born, not of blood [natural conception],** nor of the will of the flesh [physical impulse], nor of the will of man [that of a natural father], but of God [that is, **a divine and supernatural birth**—they **are born of God—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified**].

John 1:12-13 Amp



So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are **fellow citizens** with the saints and **members of the household of God**,

Ephesians 2:19 esv



So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. **That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters**.
Hebrews 2:11 NLT



Our **Identity as sons and daughters** of God is the anchor for **our relationship with God our Loving Father in Heaven**.



Orphan Spirit.

An orphan spirit is a set of behaviours and mindsets **rooted in fear, insecurity, and a deep-seated feeling of being unloved or abandoned**. It manifests as a, need to perform for approval, chronic self-reliance, perfectionism, jealousy, and difficulty trusting others. It is often described as an emotional, rather than a literal, state.



2nd Truth: The Family of God Lives Out Family Values



Beloved, **let us love one another, for love is from God**, and **whoever loves has been born of God and knows God**. [8] Anyone who does not love does not know God, because **God is love**.

1 John 4:7-8 esv



This is how we **know what love is**: Jesus **Christ laid down his life for us**. And **we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters**. 1 John 3:16 niv

By this **everyone will know** that you are my disciples, **if you love one another**.”



Forgiveness is essential for healthy relationships in the Family of God.

Make allowance for each other’s faults, and **forgive anyone who offends you**. Remember, the **Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others**.

Colossians 3:13 NLT



"We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. **God is love**, and the **one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him**. [17] By this, **love is perfected with us**, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because **as He is, we also are in this world**."

1 John 4:17nasb



Jesus the son of God
model for us all.
Let us love like Jesus!


Love
like
Jesus



Love one another with brotherly affection. **Outdo one another** in showing **honour**. Romans 12:10 esv

So then, as we have **opportunity**, let us **do good to everyone**, and **especially to those who are of the household of faith**. Galatians

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