

The True Family of God

Jesus teaching about God's forever family. **Matthew 12:46-50**

I. YOU CAN BE PART OF GOD'S FOREVER FAMILY

Jesus used the presence of His natural family to teach us that there is another family in which we can find acceptance: the Family of God.

In the beginning of His ministry, they didn't understand what He was doing.

Thinking He was so involved in ministry that He was losing His mental stability; they came to check on Him. **Mark 3:20-21**

Eventually, His biological family believed He really was the Son of God.

II. ONLY THOSE WHO ARE BORN AGAIN ARE MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY

We are all part of the family of mankind, but we aren't all part of the family of God.

The Bible makes this abundantly clear. **John 1:10-13**

When we place our faith in Christ, and only when we place our faith in Christ; God becomes our Father.

Jesus said there are two Fathers and two families. **John 8:42-44**

III. AS GOD'S CHILD ALL THE FAMILY BLESSINGS ARE OURS.

When you receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you are born again into God's Family.

With membership come privileges, benefits, and blessings. **Galatians 4:7**

These riches are spiritual not material. **Ephesians 1:3**

What are some of the blessings you receive?

1. You receive an intimate relationship with your Creator. **Romans 8:15**

You relate to Him as a loving Father who is willing to

2. You receive the blessing of thousands of brothers and sisters.

Jesus pointed this out to His disciples. **Luke 18:19-21**

It is only through Jesus' blood, shed on the cross,

that we can be accepted into the Family of God. **Ephesians 2:13**

IV. ALL GOD'S CHILDREN SHARE THE SAME DNA:

Jesus said there is an identifiable trait of every member of His family: **Matthew 12:50**

The DNA of a Christian is obedience to God.

CONCLUSION:

Take a deep breath.

To obey God doesn't mean you're perfect,

To obey God means you have a desire and disposition toward growing obedience.

God will give you both the will and the power to obey Him. **Philippians 2:13**