

The Family of God



18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Matthew 28:18–20

19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them *in(to) the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,*

Matthew 28:18–20

20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18–20

When we are baptized
into Christ, we are
baptized into a family.
We have all been chosen
by the same Father.

There is no such thing
as "Me and Jesus"
Christianity.

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

Ephesians 2:19–20

20 having been built on the
foundation of the apostles and
prophets, Christ Jesus Himself
being the corner *stone*,

Ephesians 2:19–20

**14 For this reason I bow my knees
before the Father,**

Ephesians 3:14–19

*from whom every family in heaven
and on earth derives its name,*
*("the perfect Father of every father
and child in heaven and on the
earth.")*

Ephesians 3:14–19

16 that He would grant you,
according to the riches of His
glory, to be strengthened with
power through His Spirit in the
inner man,

Ephesians 3:14–19

17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being *rooted and grounded in love,*

Ephesians 3:14–19

18 may be able to *comprehend*
with all the saints what is the
breadth and length and height and
depth,

Ephesians 3:14–19

19 and to *know the love of Christ*
which surpasses knowledge, that
you may be filled up to all the
fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:14–19

There are dimensions of Christ and His love that cannot be understood without connection to the rest of His family.



22 On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which *seem* to be weaker are necessary;

1 Corinthians 12:22–27

23 and those *members* of the body which we deem less honorable, *on these we bestow more abundant honor*, and *our less presentable members become much more presentable*,

1 Corinthians 12:22–27

24 whereas our more presentable members have no need *of it*. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that *member* which lacked,

1 Corinthians 12:22–27

25 so that *there may be no division in the body*, but *that the members may have the same care for one another*.

1 Corinthians 12:22–27

26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if *one* member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

1 Corinthians 12:22–27

27 Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.

1 Corinthians 12:22–27

Our healing and growth is directly tied to our strength of connection to the rest of His body.

To abide in Christ is
to abide with His
family.

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