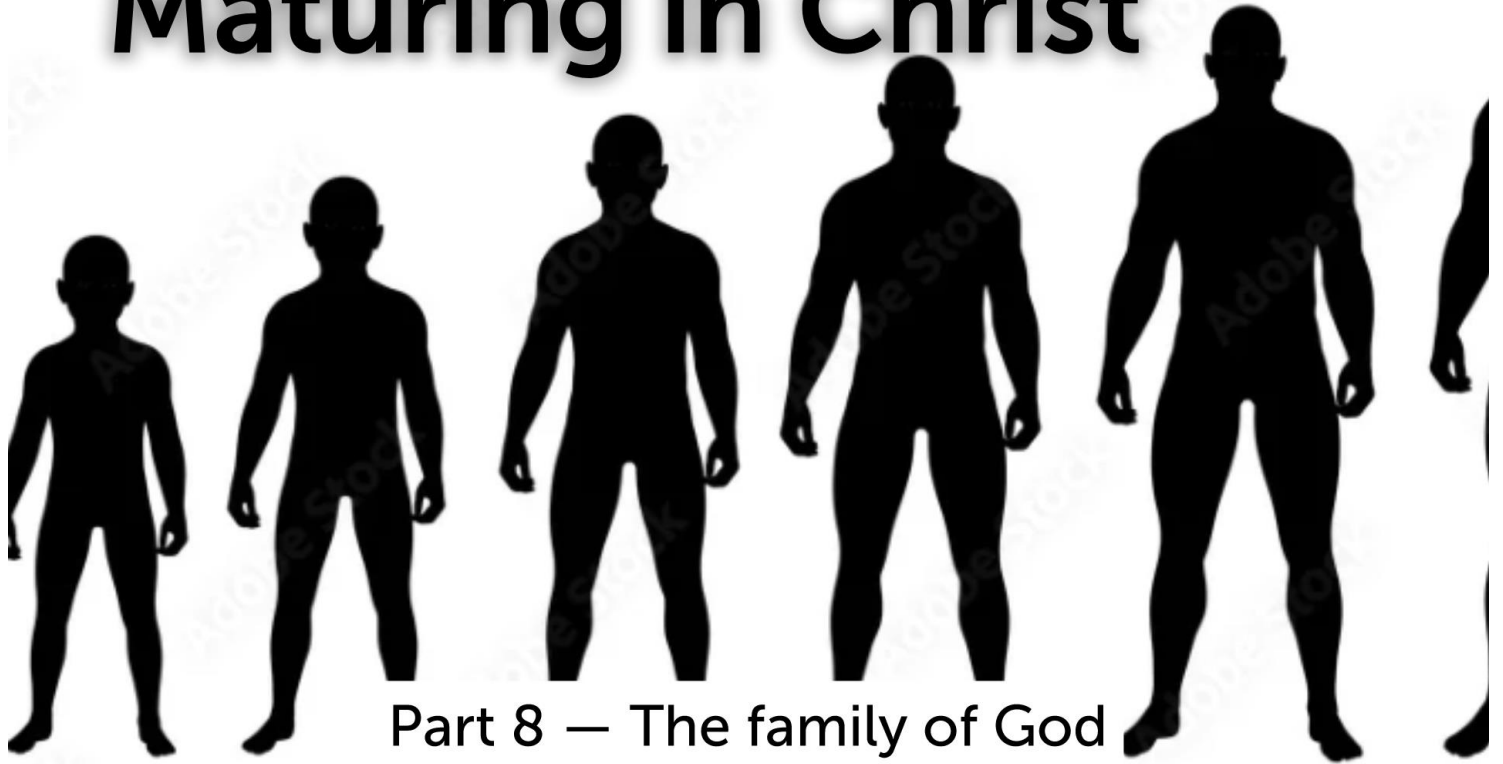


# Maturing in Christ



Part 8 — The family of God

5 Now for this very reason also,  
applying all diligence, in your  
faith supply moral excellence,  
and in *your* moral excellence,  
knowledge,

**2 Peter 1:5–8**

6 and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness,

**2 Peter 1:5–8**

7 and *in your godliness,*  
*brotherly kindness,* and in your  
brotherly kindness, love.

**2 Peter 1:5–8**

8 For if these *qualities* are *yours* and are *increasing*, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:5–8

"brotherly kindness"

"philadelphia"

-the love which

Christians cherish for  
each other as brethren

Brotherly Kindness is  
love in action, among a  
dynamic group of  
those who have  
fellowship in Christ

The root and source  
of brotherly kindness  
is found in our  
common Father. THAT  
is what makes us one.

3 what *we have seen and heard* we  
proclaim to you also, *so that you too  
may have fellowship with us*; and  
indeed *our fellowship is with the  
Father, and with His Son Jesus  
Christ.*

1 John 1:3

From this source of connection, we have been exhorted to love in several practical ways:

7 Beloved, *let us love one another*, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7–14

**8 The one who does not love  
does not know God, for God is  
love...**

**1 John 4:7–14**

11 Beloved, if God so loved us,  
***we also ought to love one  
another.***

**1 John 4:7–14**

12 No one has seen God at any time; *if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.*

1 John 4:7–14

13 *By this we know that we  
abide in Him and He in us,*  
because He has given us of His  
Spirit.

**1 John 4:7–14**

**14 We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.**

**1 John 4:7–14**

**13** For you were called to freedom, brethren; only *do not turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but *through love serve one another.*

**Galatians 5:13**

**2 *Bear one another's burdens,***  
and thereby fulfill the law of  
Christ.

**Galatians 6:2**

5 For each one will ***bear his  
own load.***

**Galatians 6:5**

9 **Be hospitable to one another**  
without complaint.

1 Peter 4:9

10 As *each one has received a special gift*, employ it in *-serving one another* as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Peter 4:10

7 Therefore, accept [receive] *one another*, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.

Romans 15:7

5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to *your* elders; and all of you, ***clothe yourselves with humility toward one another***, for God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble.

**1 Peter 5:5**

2 with all humility and  
gentleness, with patience,  
*showing tolerance for one  
another in love,*

**Ephesians 4:2**

24 and let us consider how to  
*stimulate one another to love  
and good deeds,*

**Hebrews 10:24–25**

25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but *encouraging one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24–25

16 Therefore, *confess your sins to one another*, and *pray for one another* so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

**James 5:16**

**14** And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to *admonish* *one another*.

**Romans 15:14**

# COMMUNION

Here's how I  
have received  
Christ from  
you:



Here's a  
need that  
I have...