

FAMILY—Finding Home

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What Is A Church, part 2 of 7

“Look with wonder at the depth of the Father’s marvelous love that he has lavished on us! He has called us and made us his very own beloved children.” **1 John 3:1** TPT

BIG IDEA: As God’s family on earth, the church is the conduit of God’s kingdom life-inheritance both for you and for the world around you.

A relationship between a Father and a Son... of intimacy, joy, servanthood, purity, power, creativity, peace *and* glory.

“May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us, so that the world may believe you sent me. I have given them the glory you have given me, so that they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me, so that they may be made completely one, that the world may know you have sent me and have loved them as you have loved me... I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

John 17:21-23, 26 CSB-NIV

“I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” **John 20:17**

“Paul, an apostle of King Jesus by God’s purpose and Timothy my brother; to God’s holy people in Colossae, the king’s faithful family; grace to you and peace, from God our father.”

Colossians 1:1-2 NTE

“Love one another deeply as brothers and sisters.” **Rom 12:10**

We are 1) **reborn** into His family (Jn. 1:13; 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:3; Tit. 3:5) and 2) **adopted** in. (Eph. 1:5; Rom. 8:15, 23)

We are now **family heirs** with an **royal inheritance**.

“...you have been adopted into the very family circle of God and you can say with a full heart, “Father, my Father”. The Spirit himself endorses our inward conviction that we really are the children of God. Think what that means. If we are his children we share his treasures, and all that Christ claims as his will belong to all of us as well! Yes, if we share in his suffering we shall certainly share in his glory.” **Rom 8:15-17** ^{JBP}

We are **his very own household**, not as servants, but as fam.

“So, then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God’s household” **Ephesians 2:19** CSB (1 Pet. 4:17; Gal. 6:10)

“if I should be delayed, I have written so that you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God’s household, which is the church of the living God...” **1 Tim. 3:15** CSB (3:4-5)

“you may have countless instructors in Christ, but you don’t have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.” **1 Corinthians 4:15** CSB

WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?

- You _____.
- You can be yourself and be _____.
- Your _____ is mirrored to you thru others.
- We are your _____.
- We are the safest place to _____.

3 STEPS INTO FAMILY:

1. Join a _____ & get involved with others.
2. Tell people _____ to you. *A lot.*
3. Give trusted family members a _____ in your life.