

MY REAL FAMILY

Mt. 12:46

Introduction: Jesus made this statement (text) and I never really understood it until lately. I have a mother, a son, a daughter, and a lot of in-laws....family? Yes, but YOU are my real family. Discuss.....

I have a deep concern for you, my family. I want to be sure that all of you are really going to Heaven. I have buried hundreds of my church family through the years, but you have become very special to me and I want to know for certain that all of you are going to be in heaven with me. I want everyone in this room to know for certain before this morning is over that you are going to heaven.

I. QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

1. I know you are interested in spiritual things or you would not be here.
2. I know you have heard about Jesus, now, who is He to you?
3. What do you think of the place called heaven? Hell?
4. If I were to have your funeral tomorrow, where would you be? Heaven or Hell?
5. I want you to know for sure where you are going when you die.

II. HOW DOES ONE GET INTO HEAVEN?

(Read these scriptures aloud along with me please)

1. Rom. 3:23: "There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
2. Rom. 6:23: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
3. Jn. 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."
4. Jn. 14:6: "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"
5. Rom. 10:9-11: "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you

confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, 'Anyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame.'

6. 2 Cor. 5:15: "And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again."

7. Rev. 3:20: "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with Me."

III. THE INVITATION

1. Are you a sinner according to God?
2. Are you now aware of what God says about sinners?
3. Do you want to be forgiven of your sins?
4. Do you believe that Jesus died on the cross and rose to life again?
5. If you answered YES to those questions, are you willing to say so before others?
6. If so, then repeat this after me: "I am a sinner.....I believe that Jesus is Lord.... I believe that God raised Jesus from the dead.....I ask God to forgive me of my sins....I ask Jesus to come into my heart and life right now..."
7. If you have never believed these things before and have never said these things before but you have meant this morning what you have just said, then you need to follow Jesus in baptism and become a part of His Church Family. You are invited to become a part of THIS wonderful church family and can do so by coming to me during the singing of this hymn.
8. If you are already a part of God's family but not of this particular church family, you are welcome here and invited to move your church membership here. Come and tell me where your membership is and we will see what is needed to bring you into this church family.
9. If you are not a baptist but are indeed a believer, you are welcome here and if you want to become a member of this church family, you come also and we will see what is needed to bring you, also, into this church family.
10. I am deeply concerned about everyone who comes through those doors...every one of you...If I were to have your funeral tomorrow, where would you really be?