

## **THE FAMILY OF GOD**

**1 John 3:1-2; Romans 8:14, 16-17; John 1:12; 3:1-8; 14-16**

**Introduction:** Everybody is familiar with families and everybody has had a part of being a family at one time or other. Families have similarities, such as names, personalities, physical appearances, etc.

God has a Family and today we are going to take a look at His Family. The world knows very little about God's Family, their happiness, benefits, etc.

There's a song God's Family sings often and some of the words are: "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God..."

### **SOME THINGS ABOUT THE FAMILY OF GOD**

1. All family members have the same Father and go by the same Name.
2. Every family member became a member of the Family of God the same way.
3. All are Children, brothers and sisters, no matter how long or short they have been in the Family.
4. There are varying degrees of growth within the Family:
  - Some are newborn - some are small children - some are youth - some are at the mature stage - sadly some will remain permanent children, never growing and maturing.
5. Every family member has the same benefits as all the others. There are no favorites in God's Family.
  - God's family is the object of His:
    - love, His grace
    - attention, His faithfulness
    - power, His peace
    - counsel, His protection
    - instruction, His inheritance.
  - All have been indwelt, and sealed with His presence, the Holy Spirit.
  - All have constant, instant access to their Father.
6. There are varying degrees of behavior within the Family.
  - Some are strong, other weak, shy, adventurous
  - Some are faithful, others are weak in faith, etc.
7. There is always room for more in God's Family, "whosoever" wants to be a part of God's Family is welcome.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. There has never been a family like God's Family.
2. It is an honor, a privilege to be a member of God's Family.
3. God's Family comes together every week on Sunday.
4. Do you want to be a member of God's Family?