

THE FAMILY OF GOD

**2 Corinthians 6:16-28; Galatians 3:26-27; Romans 8:14-17; John 1:12; 2 Corinthians 5:1-2;
1 Peter 2:9-10; 1 John 3:1-2**

Introduction: Families have always made up the world of man and families have always been different in ways and similar in ways. God started the first family and had His own ideas of what the family should be like.

I. THE FAMILY FOUNDED

1. God founded His family in *Genesis 1:26-27*, but had to start over a few times.
2. Jesus is God, the Father's Firstborn, His Elder Son, the One through whom entrance into the Family must come; the Example for the Family to follow, and the One in whose Hands the Father has entrusted the Family.
3. The Holy Spirit finds prospective new family members and brings them to Jesus and then when they want to become family members, the Holy Spirit indwells them and they are born into God's Family.

II. THE FAMILY

1. It is a "**holy**" family. The Father is holy, therefore His Children are also holy.
 - Like Father, like children.
2. It is a "**peculiar**" family. Its member never die. They are unlike any other family on earth.
3. It has a "**family register.**" Upon birth into the Family, the new one's name is entered in to the register called "**The Lamb's Book of Life.**"
4. It has a "**guide book.**" The Father gave the family a book to go by.
 - It is called the "**Bible.**"
 - Within the pages of the Bible, the Family can find exactly what the Father expects and how to go about doing the Father's will.
5. It has "**regular meetings, get togethers.**" The Family comes together every Sunday for a time of fellowship going over the Father's "**guide book,**" welcoming new family members, planning how to carry out the Father's plans and business for the family.
6. The Family members are "**joint-heirs**" and will share all the Father has according to their performance in carrying out the Father's plans for them.
7. The Family has an "**attorney**" who is Jesus and He handles all the Family matters.

8. The Family has a "**doctor/physician**" who is also Jesus. The Family members go to Jesus with their health-related difficulties and problems.
9. The Family is "**disciplined**" by the Father. Each member can go to the Father and present his/her case and receive fair and just discipline. The Father is quick to work things out for what is best for the whole family and that particular member.

III. THE FUTURE OF THE FAMILY

1. The Family "**Homeplace**" is not down here on earth, it's in Heaven.
2. The Family even has it's own "**city**" and it's called New Jerusalem.
3. The Family will "**get new bodies**" once they go home.
4. The Family members will also receive "**new names**" upon their arrival at home.
5. The Father calls each family member home when his/her "**work is finished**" down here.
6. The Father is going to "**call the entire family home**" very soon and they will never have to be separated again.

CONCLUSION:

1. Believe it or not, care or not, "**all this is true !**"
2. God does have a Family and it is very different, has a different life style is expected to do things the rest of the families of the world do not and also has a very different future.
3. God calls other people to join His Family, but there is only one way to get into His Family and that is through His Son, Jesus. The Holy Spirit invites people, one at a time and if they accept, then He brings them to Jesus.
4. Who would not want to be a member of this wonderful family of God?
5. Every member of God's Family should be busy in helping their Father find those who want to become a member of His wonderful family. That's called "witnessing."