

## **THE ONENESS OF THE FAMILY OF GOD**

### **Ephesians 3:14-15**

**Introduction:** There is much sorrow at the death of a family member, no matter whether the family is wealthy or poor, there is sorrow by the remaining family members whenever one of their family dies. All of us have experienced those moments of sorrow and we shall likely experience them again. However in God's Family, death does not take anybody away. One of the many things for certain in the Family of God, there shall be no separation, ever. God's Family is unique and the only way to understand it is to be a member of it.

### **I. GOD'S FAMILY IS NOT TEMPORARY OR "ARTIFICIAL"**

1. It is a natural, eternal family, not an "organization" that comes and goes.
2. As we are born into our natural family with family members, it is the same with God's Family.
  - We are born one by one into God's Family through belief in God's Son, Jesus Christ.
3. We have family registers, family trees, records of births and such. God's Family has a book that records all the names of those born into God's Family and it is called the "Lamb's Book of Life."
  - Every person that God has accepted into His family including the Old Testament times, the New Testament times and today's times have their names written permanently in God's Family Registry.
4. Our families living here on this earth are here for only a short while but believers in Jesus' real home is not down here, but in Heaven.

### **II. GOD'S FAMILY IS ONE IN BEING REDEEMED**

1. **Revelation 7:13-14** - God has only ONE Family.
  - God's Family is of ONE blood.
  - Here or there in heaven, God's Family is but ONE

### **III. GOD'S FAMILY IS ONE IN THE LOVE OF GOD**

1. **2 Timothy 2:19**
2. God has the same love for each Family member whether that member is still down here or has gone on to Heaven.
3. God has no single favorite - All are God's favorites.

### **IV. GOD'S FAMILY IS ONE IN IT'S NATURE**

1. **John 11:26; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57**
2. Down here or up there in Heaven, immortality flows through the Family member's soul.

3. All of God's Family is of the same nature. All are children of the same Family.
4. God's Children have bodies of "dust" yet all will be given new, eternal bodies in God's time with new names as well and will live with God in the place God is preparing for His Family.

## **V. GOD'S FAMILY IS ONE IN WORSHIP AND ADORATION**

1. God's Family sings about Jesus down here and will again when everyone gets "home" there and God's Family bows to Jesus down here and will do so when everyone gets to Heaven.
2. Who leads God's Family to living waters? Who dries the tears of God's Family in heaven?  
- *Hebrews 12:22-24*

## **VI. GOD'S FAMILY IS ONE IN BODY**

1. *Romans 12:4-5*
2. In God's eyes, believers, Christians make up the body of His Son, Jesus while Jesus is the head, although some of God's Family are still down here and some are already in Heaven, all have been chosen by God and all belong to God for all eternity.

## **VII. GOD'S FAMILY IS ONE IN SERVICE**

1. *Revelation 19:10; 22:8-9* - God's Family serves together down here and will serve together when everyone gets home to Heaven.
2. Some of God's Family serve Him down here and some are serving Him right now in Heaven, all of God's Family willingly, freely serve God together.

## **VIII. GOD'S FAMILY IS ONE IN JOY**

1. *Luke 15:7-10* - God's Word says that whenever a person believes in Jesus Christ and becomes a member of God's Family, all heaven rejoices.  
- So rejoices God's Family who are still down here on earth.

## **IX. GOD'S FAMILY IS ONE IN DESTINY**

1. God's Family is incomplete until the very last one is saved and then resurrected, changed, and taken to the place God has been preparing for His Family.
2. *1 Corinthians 15:51* - God's Family will put off their "made for earth" bodies and put on their "made for Heaven" bodies when Jesus comes back for His Church. (*John 10:28-29*)

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. People believe in Jesus Christ, their names are written down in the Lamb's Book of Life, they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, a place is prepared for them, they share Jesus' inheritance, they are part of God's Family.