



The Family of God

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Focus God loves us with an unconditional love—even while we are sinners. When we become born again, He transfers us from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of Jesus. We are saved by grace and adopted into His family, becoming heirs with Christ.

Fun What childhood family traditions do you continue to honor?

Review Key Scriptures: John 3:3, 3:16

1. Born into a Family of Unconditional Love

Once we are born again, we become part of God's household (John 3:3; Ephesians 2:19). We are His family! Nothing we do can take the shine off His love because He sees us through the lens of grace (John 3:16).

2. Adopted into a Family of Unmerited Favor

When God adopts us into His family, the Creator of the universe becomes our Father. We were predestined to become His sons and daughters (Ephesians 1:5). God shows us undeserved mercy and unmerited favor—grace. Satan no longer has a claim on us when we are part of God's glorious family (John 8:38–44).

3. Transferred into a Family of Unearned Blessings

We are living under a curse before we are saved (Galatians 3:13–14), but God moves us from cursed to blessed. He takes us from the family of darkness to the family of light where His Son, Jesus, welcomes us in (Colossians 1:13). We are lonely no more (Psalm 68:6).

Group Dynamics Idea Share examples of how God extended grace in a situation that seemed hopeless in your life. Hearing your story may be the faith builder someone needs right now.

Discuss

1. What is your definition of *unconditional love*? Does this differ from God's definition (John 3:16; Romans 5:8)?
2. Luke 6:35 reads, "For He is kind to the unthankful and evil." What characteristic of God allows Him to show us kindness when we are rebellious and off track?
3. *Abba* is the Greek transliteration of an Aramaic word meaning "father" (Galatians 4:6). Explain the ways God has been your "Abba, Father."
4. What transition takes place when we move from unsaved to saved (Galatians 4:7)? Who is our spiritual father before we become members of God's family (John 8:44)?
5. How did God redeem mankind from the curse and lead us to the blessing (Galatians 3:13–14)?
6. Pastor Robert stated, "Once you were a family of the world, now you are members of the family of God." If you are comfortable doing so, share how Jesus transformed your worldly thinking or actions once you were saved.

If you have not asked Jesus to come into your life yet, you can do so by praying: Lord, I am a sinner, please forgive me. I believe that Your Son, Jesus Christ, died on the cross for my sins. I want to live my life for You from this day forward. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- God loved us while we were still sinners.
- He chose us to be His adopted children.
- We will live in the family of God forever.

Prayer Father, thank You for choosing me. Help me forgive like You forgive and love like You love in the family of God. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip There are ministries around us that address the needs of our local communities. Consider creating a “giving jar” to help a particular cause or ministry, then have it available each time you meet. Watch as the giving grows each week, then bless your chosen outreach or ministry with your thoughtful gift.