

Title: Welcome to the family of God
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God's family

ephesians 2:19-22 (nlt)

¹⁹So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. ²⁰Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. ²¹We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. ²²Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

1. A lovable family

1 peter 2:17 (nlt)

¹⁷Respect everyone, and love the family of believers. Fear God, and respect the king.

galatians 6:10 (nlt)

¹⁰Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

2. An extended family

matthew 12:46-50

⁴⁶As Jesus was speaking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. ⁴⁷Someone told Jesus, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, and they want to speak to you." ⁴⁸Jesus asked, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" ⁴⁹Then he pointed to his disciples and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers." ⁵⁰Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!"

ephesians 3:14-19

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man...

3. A diverse family

revelation 5:9-10 (nlt)

⁹And they sang a new song with these words: "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign on the earth."

4. An (sometimes) unpopular family

matthew 10:25 (nlt)

²⁵Students are to be like their teacher, and slaves are to be like their master. And since I, the master of the household, have been called the prince of demons, the members of my household will be called by even worse names!

His family is His church

1 timothy 3:14-15 (nlt)

¹⁴ Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, ¹⁵if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

Joining the family

john 1:11-13 (nlt)

¹¹He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. ¹²But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

Welcome to the family of God

psalm 68:6 (nlt)

God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy. But he makes the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.