

Title: The Father's Families
Pastor: Fred May
Date: 1 August 2010
Time: 09:00



Ephesians 3:14-15 NASB

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name

a: The Father's longing

b: The Father's house

1. Calling – shared vision & values

I Timothy 3:15b NSAB

¹⁵ ...which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

2. Strength – unity

Matthew 12:25

²⁵ But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

Psalms 133:1-3

¹ Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity! ² It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. ³ It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.

Acts 4:32-33

³² Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

3. Heart – relationship first

I John 4:7-8, 16-17

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

John 13:35

³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

Ephesians 3:16-21

¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that

works in us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

- Strengthened
- Established
- Trained
- Equipped

Psalm 65:4

⁴ Blessed is the man You choose, And cause to approach You, That he may dwell in Your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Of Your holy temple.

4. Purpose – His fame

Ephesians 3:21

²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

- **Through compelling love**

Luke 14:23

²³ Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'

II Corinthians 5:14

¹⁴ For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died