

CONNECTED AS A FAMILY

Ephesians 2:19-22

Every believer is connected to every other believer through membership in God's family

LET'S GET STARTED

In these days of social distancing and suspended worship gatherings, it is especially important to know that believers are connected with one another as members of God's family. Christians often refer to one another as "brother" and "sister," but what does that actually mean? In this message we will explore what the Bible says about our relationships with one another in the family of God.

LET'S HEAR THE WORD

Ephesians 2:19-22 provides the New Testament's foundational teaching on the family of God.

- We are _____ orphans (v. 19).

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household,

1 John 3:1— How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! . . .

- We are connected with other believers through our connection to _____ (vv. 20-22).

²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Quotable

When we take God for our God, we take His people for our people.

— Matthew Henry

When we place our faith in Christ, God becomes our Father, we become his children, other believers become our brothers and sisters, and the church becomes our spiritual family. The family of God includes all believers in the past, the present, and the future.

—Rick Warren

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WHAT CONNECTS BELIEVERS AS A FAMILY?

- We share the same _____.

Ephesians 3:14-15—¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

- We share the same _____, who sets the example we are to follow.

Hebrews 2:11—Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.

Romans 8:28-29—²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

- We share _____ and concern for one another.

Philippians 2:2-4—² . . . make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

- We share the same _____.

Romans 8:16-17—¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

LET'S LIVE IT

Are you part of God's family? If not, you can enter it by putting faith in Christ for salvation. Then, as believers, let's love and serve one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, knowing how much we share is members of God's eternal family.

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