

THE CHRIST COMMUNITY, PART 4

THE CHURCH AS THE FAMILY OF GOD

Hebrews 2:10-13

*The church of Jesus Christ is a family of believers.
Be a good brother or sister in the family!*

- “A slave has no permanent place in the **family**, but a son belongs to it forever.” (John 8:35)
- “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the **family** of believers.” (Galatians 6:10)
- “Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s **household**.” (Ephesians 2:19)
- “For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole **family** in heaven and on earth derives its name.” (Ephesians 3:15)
- “I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God’s **household**, which is the church of the living God.” (1 Timothy 3:14-15)
- “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.” (Hebrews 2:11)
- “For it is time for judgment to begin with the **family** of God.” (1 Peter 4:17)

Spiritual ALIENATION—We Once Were Orphans

We are fantastic creatures, bearing the image of God.

We are fallen creatures, marring the image of God.

Spiritual ADOPTION—We Now Are God’s Children

We have a new identity in this family.

We have a new security in this family.

Spiritual ASSOCIATION—We Now Have Relatives

We have many relationships in this new family.

We have many responsibilities in this new family.

Spiritual ASCENSION—We Now Have a New Inheritance

We will take the ultimate family road trip.

We will have the ultimate family reunion.