

The Light - Junior Series

Lesson 116

The Family is a Precious Gift from God

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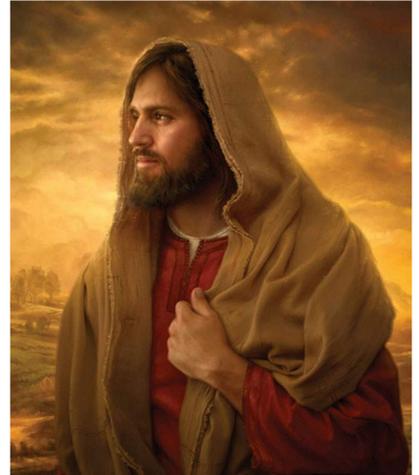
If YOU have never personally believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior; you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Just tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sins of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior, died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. (Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." (John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave us One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."



LESSON

Think about all the families you have studied so far in our recent lessons that were based on God's precious gift, the family. All these families are precious in God's mind. And from here forward, God would use his institution of the family to make sure that one day HE would bring us His own Son, God in the flesh, our **Lord Jesus Christ**.

Do you see now, how very important it was for God to give us the family? Bet you're starting to see it.



Jesus Christ would be born into the family line of the Jewish tribe of Judah, and the family line of King David. And when it was time for the Messiah to be born, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus formed a family...the MOST IMPORTANT family ever!

And all during Jesus' life on earth as a man, He would obey His heavenly Father to the point of death on a cross in order to save us, sinners. And then, His Father would bring Jesus back from the dead and seat Him at His Right Hand in glory (heaven). Jesus is now in His heavenly home, next to His Father, and sitting in His rightful seat of honor.



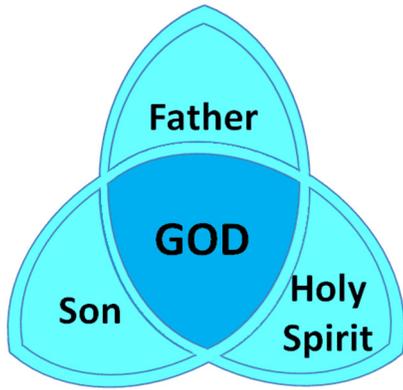
What a precious gift God gave us when He gave us the family. AMEN!

Now let's look at something in the book of [Hebrews](#), where God shows us our entire salvation is based in His family.



Heb 1:1-14 "God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, (2) in these last days has spoken to us in **His Son**, whom He made heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. (3) And He (Jesus) is the brightness of His glory and the exact picture of His nature, and keeps all things

by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (4) having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they. (5) For to which of the angels did He ever say, '**YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BROUGHT YOU FORTH**'? and again, 'I WILL BE A **FATHER** TO HIM AND HE SHALL BE **A SON** TO ME'? (6) And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, 'AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM.' (7) And of the angels He says, 'WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE.' (8) But of **the Son** He says, 'YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM. (9) YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS (SIN); THEREFORE, GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS.' (10) And 'YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS; (11) THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN; AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD LIKE A GARMENT, (12) AND LIKE A MANTLE YOU WILL ROLL THEM UP; LIKE A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED. BUT YOU ARE THE SAME AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END.' (13) But to which of the angels has He ever said, 'SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET'? (14) Are they not all ministering spirits (angels), sent out to give service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?"



You remember, God designed the human family with authority, with roles, with love, and with obedience. It is patterned after the relationships that exist in the Trinity.

Heb 2:9-18 "But we do see Him who was made (human) for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone. (10) For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many **sons (believers)** to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings. (11) For both He who sanctifies (God the Father) and those who are sanctified (believers) set apart for God's purpose) are all from **one Father**; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them **brethren (brothers and sisters)**, (12) saying, 'I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO **MY BRETHREN**, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CONGREGATION I WILL SING YOUR PRAISE.' (13) And again, 'I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN HIM.' And again, 'BEHOLD, **I AND THE CHILDREN** WHOM GOD HAS GIVEN ME.' (14) Therefore, since **the children** share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also shared the same, that through death He might make powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, (15) and might free those (unbelievers) who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. (16) For surely, He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the children (Jews) of Abraham. (17) Therefore, He had to be made like **His brethren (human)** in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make satisfaction for the sins of the people. (18) For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those (believers) who are tempted."

You can see from this long section in [Hebrews](#), that when we get saved, God the Father adopts us as His children! We become part of His family! And guess what? Jesus is not ashamed to call us His brothers and sisters! He loves us because we are his family! As believers in Christ, we are members of God's household! We're all FAMILY!!!!



Let's look at this family picture in Eph 2:13-22. "But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been **brought near** by the blood of Christ. (14) For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, (15) by ending in His flesh the hatred, which is the Law of commandments contained in rules, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, and so, establishing peace, (16) and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the hatred. (17) AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY (unbelievers), AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR (believers); (18) for through Him (Jesus) we both have our access in one (Holy) Spirit to the Father. (19) So then, **you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens (brothers and sisters) with the saints (believers), and are of God's household (FAMILY)**, (20) having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, (21) in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, (22) in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit." God is our Father, and we are His **adopted sons and daughters!**

What a precious gift God gave us when He placed us in His family!



Let's look at this some more in Eph 1:1-6. "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints (believers) who are at Ephesus (and all believers) and who are faithful in Christ Jesus: (2) Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with **every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places **in Christ**, (4) just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. **In love** (5) **He made us to be His adopted sons (and daughters) through Jesus Christ to Himself (God the Father), according to the kind intention of His will, (6) to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely gave us in the Beloved (Jesus).**"

We are now, and will always be, God's beloved children. WOW!!! That's so wonderful. Think about it, kids. Jesus is God's Beloved and so are we because Jesus lives in us and we are His! We are all family!



So, guess what? You need to live like you are Jesus' brother or sister and God the Father's beloved child! Walk like Jesus and obey Him. Love one another as He has loved us! See God every day as your heavenly Father, who loves you like crazy.

1 John 3:1 "See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and

such we are."

Remember, every day...all day long, that you are part of God's family. You know why? Because it's TRUE!!!!

Did you know that the way to learn something really well is by having it repeated to you a lot? It's the key to learning. There are many, many truths in the Bible about Jesus that are repeated over and over again so that you will learn them really well, and the more you know about Jesus, the happier you'll be!

2 Peter 1:12-15 "Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you. (13) I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling (his body), to urge you by way of reminder, (14) knowing that the laying aside (dying) of my earthly dwelling (his body) is imminent (soon), as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. (15) And I will also be careful that at any time after my departure (death) you will be able to call these things to mind."



God is your Father. He loves you and always will. Nothing will ever come between you and His love. The Holy Spirit pours the love of God into our hearts.

Have any troubles, worries, or cares? Bet you do! Well, "Place all your cares on Him (Jesus), because He cares (loves) for you." (1 Peter 5:17).

Listen, kids, we're in God's family and if God takes care of the grass of the field and birds of the air, He can certainly take care of you because you are extremely more important to Him than those things...you're FAMILY!!!

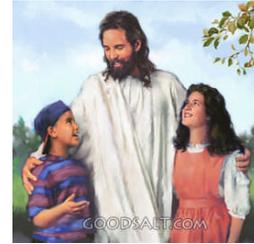
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Eph 3:14-21 "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, (15) from whom **every family in heaven and on earth** gets its name, (16) that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His (Holy) Spirit in the inner man, (17) so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, (18) may be able to understand with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, (19) and to know the **love of Christ** which go beyond knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. (20) Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power (from the Holy Spirit) that works within us, (21) to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen."



Wow, we have a lot to think about from today's lesson. It's a HUGE treasure chest of God's love and blessings from Jesus to you. You have learned that you are a part of God's family, and that you are loved more than anything by God. It's wonderful, isn't it, kids? Yes, it is!

In our next lesson we'll see more on our subject on the practical side of family life.

Until next time...stay in God's Word.

Close in prayer.

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