

Family of God
Family Values – Part 2
Life Church St. Louis – March 10, 2019
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker
Message Videos – www.lcstl.org/messages

Ephesians 3:14-15 (ESV) For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

John 1:12-13 (ESV) But to all who did receive him [Jesus], who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

1. What is God's _____?

1A. God's family is _____

Matthew 12:49-50 (ESV) And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

1B. God's family are children of the _____

Romans 9:8 (ESV) This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.

2. What is _____ about God's family?

2A. We are made _____ in Christ

Ephesians 2:12-13 (ESV) remember that you [Gentiles] were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Galatians 3:28 (ESV) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

2B. _____ between people are removed

Ephesians 2:14 (ESV) For he himself [Jesus] is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility

3. What is the _____ of God's family?

3A. Pass your _____ stories to your children

Psalm 78:3-4 (ESV) things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

3B. _____ your children God's Word

Psalm 78:5-6 (ESV) He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,

Psalm 78:7 (ESV) so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

Family of God Study Guide

Family Values – Part 2

Life Church St. Louis – March 10, 2019

Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Message Videos – www.lcstl.org/messages

Intro. In what ways are earthly families based on a heavenly reality (Ephesians 3:14-15)?

According to John 1:12-13, how does a person become a child of God?

What are some common but erroneous beliefs as to how a person becomes a child of God (Christian)?

Why must a believer live out their lives as part of a local church family (1 John 3:10)?

1A. How does Jesus say we can recognize those who are part of the family of God (Matthew 12:49-50)?

1B. How are all true believers, children of the promise (Romans 4:16, 9:8)?

1C. In what ways is a Christian family an expression of God's family on earth?

1D. How can a Christian family be a witness to the world?

2A. How did the blood of Christ make it possible for Gentiles and Jews to be united (Ephesians 2:12-13)?

2B. Why are all differences between people removed in Christ (Galatians 3:28)?

2C. What walls of hostility between people has Jesus broken down (Ephesians 2:14)?

2D. Why should the family of God, the local church, be a place of diversity with regard to color, race, age, gender and social class (Revelation 7:9)?

3A. Why is it imperative that the legacy of God's family be passed down to the next generation?

3B. What stories should parents tell to their children (Psalm 78:3-4)?

3C. What must parents teach their children in order to pass down their legacy (Psalm 78:5-6)?

3D. What is the ultimate goal of parents for their children (Psalm 78:7)?

3E. How must the church family train up spiritual children of all ages?