

Our Family

When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing by, He said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" And he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!"—John 19:26-27

Family is a powerful word and concept in our society. With the election on the horizon, we hear a lot about "family values". We often talk with pride about our family members' achievements. We may even repeat the phrase, "blood is thicker than water".

The Lord often spoke of human families, but He put greater emphasis on the spiritual family. As wonderful as our earthly families are, the relationship is different than the relationship among fellow believers. Believers share a bond that Christ created.

Jesus did not entrust the care of His mother to his brothers or sisters who did not believe. He entrusted her care to a believer whom He loved, John.

The family of believers is not segregated by race or ethnicity. It is not established on education, culture, or class. It has one common tie, the blood of Jesus Christ. It is through faith in Jesus Christ that we are born into that family. That bond is stronger than any earthly family. God commended His love toward us and that love binds together those who have accepted His love and forgiveness.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God—I John 3:1

"I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God."