

Message Notes

"Belong to Become"

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"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:1-2)

When we receive Jesus Christ into our hearts, we are "born again" into a spiritual family.

*"But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God."
(John 1:12-13 NLT)*

*"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household..."
(Ephesians 2:19)*

Belonging to God's family, we inherit and enjoy all of the family blessings.

"So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir." (Galatians 4:7)

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ... ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸that he lavished on us..."
(Ephesians 1:3, 7-8)*

"...I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty." (2 Corinthians 6:18 ESV)

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10 ESV)

In spiritual family, we all share the same DNA: obedience.

"While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. ⁴⁸But he replied to the man who told him, 'Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?' ⁴⁹And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! ⁵⁰For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.'" (Matthew 12:46-50 ESV)

We become more of who we are as we live in discipleship relationships in spiritual family.

"But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today,' so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." (Hebrews 3:13)

"By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother." (1 John 3:10 ESV)

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