

## Family of God

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### Introduction

1. Matthew 6:9
2. God uses many illustrations to help us understand ideas that we need to know
3. One is the family Ephesians 5: husband and wife; Christ and the church
4. The family relationship should be very enduring
5. God is the Father Matthew 6:9
6. John uses God as our Father some 122 times
7. How is God our Father?

### II Discussion

1. How is God our Father?
  1. He shows us love John 3:16; Romans 5:8-9; 1 John 3:1-2
  2. He shows concern for us Matthew 7:7-11; Ephesians 2:28; 3:12; Hebrews 4:16; 13:5-6
  3. He left us an example 1 Peter 2:21; John 14:8-9
  4. He also corrects us Hebrews 12:5-11
2. How does one get into this family relationship
  1. He is born into it John 3:3-5
  2. He is adopted into it Romans 8:15
  3. We have an older brother Romans 8:17
  4. We are sons of God Romans 8:14; Galatians 4:6
  5. There are rules in a family 1 Timothy 3:4, 5, 12
3. What is our relationship to one another?
  1. Brothers and sisters 1 Corinthians 9:5; 1 Peter 2:17; 1 John 3:14
  2. How are we to treat one another 1 Timothy 5:1-2; 1 John 3:16; 1 Peter 2:17

### III Conclusion

1. Are you part of the family of God?
2. You can choose whose family you are in, God or the devil
3. Blessings abound by being in the family of God! Ephesians 1:3

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