
We Are Family

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Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me as well.

Romans 16:13 BSB

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

Ephesians 1:5 NLT

I am writing these things to you now . . . you will know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth.

1 Timothy 3:14b-15 NCV

In God's Family . . .

1. We find our place.

When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the Lord will take care of me.

Psalms 27:10 NKJV

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

John 14:18 NIV

You are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.

Ephesians 2:19b TLB

So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Romans 12:5 NIV

2. We find our purpose.

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Ephesians 4:16 NLT

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11 NIV

3. Our needs are met.

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you.

Romans 16:1-2a ESV

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Galatians 5:13 NIV

4. Our God is made known.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34-35 ESV

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1 John 3:16 NLT

Weekend Music:

Enter The Gates (Bryan & Katie Torwalt) • Goodness of God (Jenn Johnson)
The Lord's Prayer (Your Kingdom Come)