



Introduction: I'm so glad that I'm a part of the _____ of God.

"You will notice we say " _____ " and " _____ " 'round here, it's because we're a family and these are so near; when one has a heartache, we all share the tears, and rejoice in each victory in this family so dear."

Do you know _____ that you are a part of the Family of God?

Are you just a part of God's overall _____, or do you have a personal _____ with God's Son, Jesus Christ?

I. Jesus' Mother and Brothers _____ up to speak with Him – 12:46-47

46 While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. 47 Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You."

What do we discover in this verse?

A. Jesus is talking to the _____.

Jesus is talking to the multitudes

Jesus still was able to draw a crowd even though the religious leaders were questioning Him, and casting doubt on His message and miracles.

One of my favorite quotes is, “Get on _____ for God, and people will come and watch you burn.”

B. Jesus’ Mother and brothers are _____

behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him.

Who is Jesus’ mother? _____. She gave birth to the Son of God.

Matthew 13:55 - *Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?*

C. A _____ is passed on to Jesus

Luke 8:19–20 - *19 Then His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not _____ Him because of the crowd. 20 And it was told Him by some, who said, “Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You.”*

Are you aware that according to John 7:5, Jesus’ brothers didn’t _____ that He was the Messiah? Bible teachers believe that it wasn’t until after His _____ that his brothers believed in Him.

We read in Mark 3:20-21, that Jesus’ family tried to physically stop Him from teaching and said, “*He is out of His mind!*” They mistook Jesus’ focus for not caring for Himself.

II. Jesus asks, “Who is My _____, and who are My _____?” – 12:48

48 But He answered and said to the one who told Him, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?”

A. Jesus responds to the _____

Jesus speaks directly to the _____ who told him that his mother and brothers were outside and wanted to speak with Him.

B. Jesus asks the _____ an important question

“Who is My mother and who are My brothers?”

III. Jesus _____ out His hand toward His disciples and says – 12:49

49 And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers!”

A. Jesus _____ out His hand towards His disciples

It has been said that a person’s hand gestures can often be more important than his spoken words.

B. Jesus makes a _____-transforming statement

Verse 49 - “Here are My mother and My brothers!”

Jesus was identifying Himself with a _____ circle that was more precious to Him, closer to Him, of a higher priority to Him, and that received a greater commitment from Him, than even His earthly mother and brothers and sisters.

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IV. For whoever does the _____ of My Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother – 12:50

50 For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.”

A. _____ – This means anyone and everyone.

B. Does the _____ of God – believe in Jesus

Jesus said that membership in His “family circle” was true of “whoever does the will” of His Father in heaven. So then; what is His Father’s will? We

can see from the context that it is—above all else—a matter of believing on Jesus and entering into a relationship with Him by faith.

C. Hear the _____ and do it – Luke 8:21

See: Luke 8:21

James 1:22 - *But be _____ of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

Matthew 13:23 - *23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”*

Conclusion: What are the _____ ruths from these final few verses?

1. We may not draw crowds, but all of us have our sphere of _____. Use your influence to share Jesus.
2. Get on _____ for Jesus and people will come a watch you burn. People enjoy being around those who are excited about their faith.
3. Jesus’ mother, brothers, and sisters include His _____ family. His Spiritual family was important to Him. Our Spiritual family should be important to us as well.
4. “_____” in our text means YOU!
5. Doing the will of God means _____ in Jesus Christ. Have you placed your faith in Jesus Christ?
6. We must hear the _____ of God and _____ it. These are two characteristics of belonging to Jesus’ forever family.