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Living in The Family of God

The Book of 1st John



Introduction:

The Reality of God's Family

- 1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.
- 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

1 John 3:1-2

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Ephesians 2:19

- 31 Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him.
- And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are outside seeking You."
- 33 But He answered them, saying, "Who is My mother, or My brothers?"
- 34 And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers!
- 35 For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother."

Mark 3:31-35

- And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.
- 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Romans 8:28-29

He is not ashamed to call them brethren, Hebrews 2:11

What do I do now?

Embrace the reality that you are already in God's Family by...

- thanking God for having already made you a member of His family
- determining to let your 1st commitment be the Lord's will
- celebrating Christ's increasing likeness in your life and other family members.

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