

# Family Matters: Intro

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Galatians 3:26 NLT “For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”

Ephesians 1:4-6 NKJV

<sup>4</sup>“just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, <sup>5</sup>having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.”

1 John 2:7-8 NLT

<sup>7</sup>“Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment—to love one another—is the same message you heard before. <sup>8</sup>Yet it is also new. Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it. For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining.”

John 15:9-12 NLT

<sup>9</sup>“I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! <sup>12</sup>This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.”

Ephesians 2:17-20 NLT

<sup>17</sup>He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. <sup>18</sup>Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us. <sup>19</sup>So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God’s holy people. You are members of God’s family. <sup>20</sup>Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.”

Romans 8:14-17 NKJV

<sup>14</sup>“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”

John 14:15-18 NKJV

<sup>15</sup>“If you love Me, keep My commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— <sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”