



FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

SESSION 1 NOTES – *The Family of God*

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→ “The church isn’t like family; the church is family!”

→ Everyone’s a creation of God (Genesis 1:26-27), but not everyone is a part of the family of God

“¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.” – Romans 5:10 ESV

“⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot.” – Romans 8:7 ESV

“¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—” Ephesians 2:1-5 ESV

“⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.” – 1 John 4:9 NIV

Sin: *Hamartia, ham-ar-tee'-ah, noun:* “To miss the mark... to wander from the law of God” (Thayer’s Greek Lexicon)

“¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.” – John 1:12-13 ESV

“¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,” – Ephesians 2:17–19 ESV

→ **Church:** *Ekklesia, ek-klay-see'-ah, noun:* “a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place, an assembly” (Thayer’s Greek Lexicon)



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⁹ if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” – Romans 10:9-13 ESV

→ **THREE RELATIONSHIPS TO WALK CHURCH:** *(Further described in Session 2)*

- Guest
- Friend
- Family