

Text: Eph. 3:15

FAMILY THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

introduction: wordsworth
paper, "We Are Seven"

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1. I. Tim. 3:15, "the house of God, which is the church of the living God."

II. ^{the nature} Features of God's Family -- the church.

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- B. Christ, a Son over the House of God. Heb. 3:6, "Christ as a Son over his house, whose house we are."
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- D. Christians are Sons and Heirs. Rom. 8:14-17.

III. ^{Features} The Blessedness of this Family Relationship.

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- B. God's Fatherly Provision. Rom. 8:32, James 1:17
- C. God's Fatherly Correction. Heb. 12:4-17
- D. God's Fatherly Protection. Phil. 4:5-7; I Cor. 10:13
- E. The Father's constant love. I Jno. 3:1; Rom. 8:38-39
- F. The Father's eternal inheritance. I Peter 1:4 ^{one home} ~~with his~~ ^{gain sons,} ~~but he's my son,~~ ^{you are.}

IV. How We Become ^{members of God's family} Children of God

- A. By being born again. Jno. 3:3-5
- B. Not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man; it is supernatural.
- C. "Born of God" - "from above", How?
- D. By receiving Christ as your personal savior. ^{Jno. 1:11} ~~1:12~~

V. What This Relationship Demands

- A. Separation from ^{no divers} ~~the world~~. II Cor. 6:17-18
~~I John 2:15-16.~~
- B. Obedience. I Jno. 3:10; I Peter 1:14 "as obedient children"
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