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## "GOD'S FAMILY"

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### EPHESIANS 1:3-6, 13-14

If you are a follower of Christ, you are adopted into His family.

#### **Central Idea of the Text:**

Paul shows us how God lovingly brings us into His eternal family through the work of Christ and by means of adoption, so that we can image His work on earth.

#### **1. Being in God's Family, Ephesians 1:3-4**

Being blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places means that you have in your possession everything you need to live out the life that God has called you to.

Holiness is not something that we muster up through effort alone; instead we become holy as we discover and behold Jesus through following Him.

#### **2. Christ's Gathering of His Family, Ephesians 1:4b-6**

When it comes to our being gathered into Christ's family, we all have to see that we are adopted into it.

This is the idea of predestination; God planned to pursue you, to love you, to call you to Himself, effectively, efficiently, and to the utter end.

We were terrorists brought into the family of God as sons and daughters, by adoption.

How does Ephesians detail out our adoption into God's family...or better put, how does Christ gather His family?

- a) In love
- b) He predestined
- c) He adopted
- d) For and with a purpose

#### **3. The Future of God's Family, Ephesians 1:13-14**

Not everyone is called to bring a child into their home, but each of us has a call to care for orphans and the vulnerable among us.