

“The Church As A Family”

Lesson Text: **1 Timothy 3:15.** The Church As A “Household.”

I. Families Are Related To One Another.

- Families Are Related Because Of Our Birth.
- We Are Born Into God’s Family- **John 3:3-5; Galatians 3:26-27; 1 Peter 1:23.**
- Sonship Has Privileges & Responsibilities- **Romans 8:14-16; 2 Cor. 6:17-18.**
- We Are Strongly Connected To One Another As Brothers And Sisters In Christ.
 - Among The Jewish Brethren: **Acts 9:17; 23:6.**
 - Among The Christian Brethren: **1 Timothy 5:1-2; 3 John 3-5.**
- Families Are Where We Belong, Are Wanted, And Needed- **Romans 15:7.**

II. Families Love One Another.

- Family Love Is The Tie That Binds Families Together Closely.
- **1 Peter 1:22; 3:8; 4:8; 5:14-** A Common Theme Of Peter.
- Jesus Taught Us To Love One Another- **John 13:34-35.**
- **1 Corinthians 13:4-8,**
 - *“Love is patient”* ... **Proverbs 10:12.**
 - *“Love is kind”*... **2 Peter 1:7, “brotherly kindness.”**
 - *“Love is not jealous”* ... **Acts 7:9.**

III. Families Have A Unity & Togetherness.

- Families Are Often Closely Knit Together- **Genesis 13:5-8.**
- We Are To Be United In Our Common Salvation- **Philippians 2:1-4.**
- We Should Not Let Satan Destroy Our Family Unity In Christ- **2 Corinthians 2:11.**
 - By Causing In-Fighting By Brethren- **1 Corinthians 3:3; 3 John 9-11.**
 - By Brethren Bringing In False Teaching- **2 Peter 2:1-2; Jude 3-4; Rom. 16:17-18.**
 - By Causing Our Love For One Another Be Turned To Bitterness Or Hate.
 - **1 John 3:13-15.**
 - It’s Sad When Families Have Hatred, But Even Sadder When Brethren Do.
- We Should Seek To Protect God’s Unity For Us- **Ephesians 4:1-3; Matt. 6:33.**
- *“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”*

IV. Families Are There For Each Other.

- Families Will Support One Another In Good And Bad Times.
- **1 Corinthians 12:25-26.**
- When One Member Strays, We Seek To Restore Them Back To Faithfulness.
 - **Luke 15:4-32; James 5:19-20.**
- We Are To Offer Support For Brethren In Times Of Need- **1 Thessalonians 5:14.**
- **James 5:16...** The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together.