

② THE WHOLE FAMILY NEEDED

- * For Procreation - "in wedlock"
- * For Nurture / Discipline of Children
- * For Companionship / Love / Life - food/fellowship/peace
- * For Testimony - "Your family is your ministry"

In a day when the family is being attacked and undermined, this God-ordained institution is still needed!

"our" "Daddy" "Bear" "electrocardiogram"

never let kids win!

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- * → not out-dated/obsolete/obliterated but relevant, current, & surviving
- * → In many places, the family is being Replaced/Reinvented/Ruined but it needs/remains Reviving!

- * → The family now still needs:
 - ✓ salvation
 - ✓ relation
 - ✓ communication
 - ✓ cooperation
 - ✓ consideration

Your Family
Church Family
Heavenly Family

Illustration: Teen pastor who had gotten disc./defeated/bettr, left the ministry & even stopped attending church. His little boy asked repeatedly, "Daddy, will you go to SS w/me?"

Do these verses Now have relevance to you & your family?

- vs. 16 - strength in the inner man
- vs. 17 - Christ dwells in your heart "conscious presence"
- vs. 17 - rested & grounded in love
- vs. 18 - compared w/saints (not above others) - breadth length depth height
- vs. 19 - To know His love which passes knowledge
- vs. 20-21 - Give Him glory!

"THE WHOLE FAMILY"

10-14-15 years
Wed
Family Revival
Sibly Bpt
at church

Text - Eph. 3:15

Intro. - It is interesting to notice that the word "family" in vs. 15 is found only once in the entire N.T. Yet, the idea/concept is everywhere in Scripture!

From the beginning of creation when God made them male and female, and said, "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife and they two shall be one flesh" (Matt. 19:4-5) - the family has been emphasized.

→ Those 3 great institutions God ordained - Family / Church / Home Govt. and we have somehow managed to ruin all three!

→ All are uniquely connected - "As goes the family, so goes the Church, As goes the church, so goes the nation!"

* In our text & the surrounding verses, there are some important ideas presented around the theme of - "THE WHOLE FAMILY"

① THE WHOLE FAMILY NAMED - vs. 15

- * The whole family as "the family of God" (sons)
- "in heaven" "and earth"
- ↓ those already there ↓ those still living here

Family Reunion - fewer & fewer relatives due to death

Family here is very important but be sure you are named in that family over there!

- * Named in connection w/father - "the Father"
- * Named in connection w/Son - "Christians" bear His name "our Lord Jesus Christ"
- * Named in connection w/Spirit (vs. 16) - All truly in the family have His Spirit Rom 8:9

All fathers take their name "father" from God, the Father who is in Heaven or on earth!