# Our Family in Christ

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## INTRODUCTION

- A group of Christians who've come together because they love God, they love each other, the desire to praise him in song, the desire to remember the sacrifice that was made on all of our behalf.

## 1 The True Family of Jesus

- Looking about at those who were sitting around him, he said, Behold, my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God, he is my mother, my brother and sister and mother.
- The true family of Jesus was not one of earthly ties.
- Jesus says that my family is composed of those who want to do the will of the Father.
- The reason why we can call each other brother and sister is that we've been brought into one family with one father.
- We have come together as those who desire to do the will of God. That's Christ's family. The family of God.

## 2 Other Sheep: One Flock With One Shepherd

**John 10:14–16**

- I have other sheep, which are not of this fold, and I must bring them also, and they will hear my voice, and they'll become one flock with one shepherd.
- That's the beauty of God's family. God's family is always growing. It is comprised of those who desire to do the will of God.
- They were at one time not of the same tribe. Jew and Gentile who had nothing to do with each other. And yet now in Christ, in his church, they're one family of God.
- We have so many differences among us, and yet we are part of one family. God has made us of his family.
- They were washed. And they were sanctified. And they were justified by the blood of Christ.

## 3 A Great and Glorious Spiritual Family

**Acts 2; Acts 4; Matthew 10:34–39**

- If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you'll have treasure in heaven and come follow me.
- The riches that he promised are the fact that you would be a part of this great and glorious spiritual family that he promised.
- You may have left father and mother and brothers and sisters. And yet, what have you inherited in Christ's kingdom? Far more.
- Let us never take for granted the great blessing that God has given to us within this family that we have.

- This is a little slice of heaven for the here and now.
- But for the here and now, what has he given us? Each other.

MY NOTES