

The Family Of God!
Hebrews 2:10-13

Introduction:

1. Remember The Chorus: “I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God. I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood. Joint heirs with Jesus, as we travel this sod; for I’m a part of the family, the family of God!”
 - Are You Glad You’re A Part Of The Family Of God?
 2. What Does It Really Mean To Be A Part Of The Family Of God?
 - To Be A Part Of Another Family Might Mean Different Things:
 - Sometimes A Family Might Have Different Traditions!
 - **IE:** One Of My Close Friends Growing Up Had A Czechoslovakian Heritage - Had Different Traditions For Christmas & Other Holidays - When I Was With Their Family, I Shared In What They Did!
 - Sometimes A Family Might Have Different Goals!
 - **IE:** Think About What It Would Mean If You Were Born Into A Missionary Family, Like The Hegdahls! When Their Children Were Born, They Shared In The Family Goal – To Reach The Lost In India!
 - Sometimes A Family Might Have Different Responsibilities!
 - **IE:** When Prince William & Prince Harry Were Born Into The British Royal Family, They Immediately Shared Great Privilege – But Their Privilege Brought Many Responsibilities!
 - To Be A Part Of Another Family Means Different Things!
 - Someone Once Told Me: There Are “Different Strokes For Different Folks!”
 - But There Is One Thing That Every Family Has In Common, And That Is “Sharing!”
 3. What Does It Really Mean To Be A Part Of The Family Of God?
 - Hebrews 2:10-13 Tells Us What It Means To Be A Part Of The Family Of God!
 - It Means That You Enter A Family That Shares!
 - It Means Sharing With Other Members Of That Family!
 - Like The Early Church Did!
 - Acts 2:42 - “And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers!”
 - But Is This All That It Means? Just Sharing With Other Members Of Your Christian Family?
 - It Also Means Sharing Certain Things With The Son Of God – Jesus!
 - And Our Passage This Morning Tells Us What You Share With The Lord Jesus, As Part Of The Family Of God!
 - And It Is A Family Of Great Privilege & Responsibility!
 - Read Passage!
 4. Sometimes, Sharing Is Not A Very Popular Topic!
 - Especially For Children!
 - “What’s Mine Is Mine!”
 - Even For Adults!
 - “What’s Mine Is Mine!”
 - But When You Become A Part Of The Family Of God, Jesus Says:
 - “What’s Mine Is Yours!”
 - So, What Do We Share In?
 - What Does It Really Mean To Be A Part Of The Family Of God?
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1. ***We Share The Same Relationship As Jesus!***
 - 2:10a - “For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory!”
 - What Is This Relationship Like?
 - When You Are A Part Of The Family Of God:
 - You Become A Child Of God!
 - You Become His Son Or His Daughter!

- **IE:** As A Child Is Born & Becomes A Part Of Their Family - Birth Announcements In Paper - When You Are Born Again, You Become A Part Of God's Family!
 - You Share A Similar Relationship As Jesus Does With His Father!
- Jesus Says: "What's Mine Is Yours!"
 - My Father Is Your Father!
 - My Relationship With My Father Is Now Your Relationship With Your Father!
- This Relationship That We Share Is Same – But Different!
 - Jesus Is The Son Of God By Nature!
 - But We Become The Sons Of God By Grace!
 - But We Are Still Sons Of God!
- How Do You Become A Son Of God?
 - And Share This Relationship With Jesus Christ?
 - Look Back To 2:9 - "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man!"
 - Jesus Had To "Taste Death" For You!
 - And You Have To "See Jesus!"
 - Putting Your Faith & Trust In Him Alone For Salvation – Believing That His Experience Of Death Has Paid It All – All The Penalties For Your Sin!
 - But Once This Happens, You Share The Same Relationship As Jesus!
 - You Become A Son Of God!
- When You Become A Part Of The Family Of God, Jesus Says:
 - "What's Mine Is Yours!"
 - And We Share The Same Relationship – As Sons Of God!

* What Else Do We Share?

2. ***We Share The Same Path As Jesus!***

- 2:10b - "To make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings!"
- What Is This Path Like?
 - When You Are A Part Of The Family Of God:
 - You Share In The Sufferings Of Christ!
 - You Share A Similar Path As Jesus Walked!
 - Jesus Says: "What's Mine Is Yours!"
 - My Path Is Your Path!
 - The Path Of Christ Was A Path Of Suffering!
 - This Path That We Share Is The Same – But Different!
 - **IE:** Like Taking My Children For A Ride In The Wagon - I'm Walking - They Are Riding - Same Path
 - Jesus Is The Captain Of Our Salvation!
 - "Captain" - The Pioneer!
 - He Goes Before Us In All Things, So That We Can Follow Him & Share With Him!
 - If Jesus Did Not Suffer Before Us, We Could Never Be A Part Of His Family!
 - If We Do Not Share In His Suffering, We Could Never Be A Part Of His Family!
 - We Are His Followers!
 - 1 Peter 2:21 - "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps!"
- What Is This Path For?
 - "To Make The Captain Of Their Salvation Perfect!"
 - "Perfect" - Does Not Mean That There Was Any Imperfection Or Lacking In Jesus Nature, Character Or Work!
 - It Means To "Achieve The Highest Goal!"
 - Comes From The Same Word "Finished", When Jesus Said On The Cross: "It Is

- Finished!” (John 19:30)
 - It Means That What Jesus Came To Accomplish, He Completed!
 - Through His Own Sufferings, He Paved The Way For You & Me To Become Part Of The Family Of God!
- And When You Become A Part Of The Family Of God, Jesus Says:
 - “What’s Mine Is Yours!”
 - And We Share The Same Path – The Path Of Christ’s Suffering! Not Just The Agonies, But The Blessings As Well!

3. ***We Share The Same Character As Jesus!***

- 2:11a - “For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one!” (Or “Of The Same Family” - NIV)
- What Is This Character Like?
 - When You Are A Part Of The Family Of God:
 - You Become Sanctified, Pure & Holy!
 - You Share A Similar Character As Jesus!
 - Jesus Says: “What’s Mine Is Yours!”
 - My Character Is Your Character!
 - The Character Of Christ Is Holiness!
 - This Character That We Share Is The Same – But Different!
 - Jesus Is The One Doing The Work Of Sanctification!
 - We **Are** The Work Of Sanctification!
 - He Molds In Us The Character That He Himself Possesses!
- What Is This Character For?
 - “Sanctified” - Means To Be Made Holy Or To Be Separate!
 - To Be Separated For The Exclusive Use Of God!
 - **IE:** Every Once In A While, I Will Find An Unusual Coin At The Bank - A Silver Quarter Or Dime - An Old Wheat-Backed Penny - Or A New State Quarter - I Will Take It & Put It In Another Compartment!
 - This Is What It Means To Be Made Holy!
 - Before You Became A Part Of The Family Of God:
 - You Could Only Be A Vessel Of Dishonor!
 - Now That You Share The Same Character As Jesus:
 - You Can Be A Vessel Of Honor - Able To Be Used By God!
- And When You Become A Part Of The Family Of God, Jesus Says:
 - “What’s Mine Is Yours!”
 - And We Share The Same Character – The Character Of Holiness & Usefulness For The Lord!

4. ***We Share The Same Brotherhood As Jesus!***

- 2:11b - “For which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren!”
- What Is This Brotherhood Like?
 - When You Are A Part Of The Family Of God:
 - You Actually Become A Brother To Christ!
 - You Share A Similar Brotherhood As Jesus!
 - Jesus Says: “What’s Mine Is Yours!”
 - Because He Is God’s Son & You Are God’s Sons: “He Is Not Ashamed To Call [You His Brothers]!”
 - The Original Recipients Of The Book Of Hebrews Knew Rejection:
 - Hebrews 10:32 - “But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions!”
 - But Now, Through Jesus Christ, They Will Know Great Love & Acceptance!
 - For “He Is Not Ashamed To Call Them Brethren!”
- What Is This Brotherhood For?
 - So That You Can Know The Kind Of Relationship You Can Have With Jesus, Your “Elder Brother!”

- Proverbs 18:24 - "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother!"
- And When You Be Come A Part Of The Family Of God, Jesus Says:
 - "What's Mine Is Yours!"
 - And We Share The Same Brotherhood!

5. *We Share The Same Purpose As Jesus!*

- 2:12 - "Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee!"
- What Is This Purpose Like?
 - When You Are A Part Of The Family Of God:
 - You Share A Similar Purpose As Jesus, The Son Of God!
 - His Purpose Becomes Your Purpose In Life!
 - Jesus Says: "What's Mine Is Yours!"
 - You No Longer Have No Purpose For Living!
 - You No Longer Have Your Own Purposes For Living!
 - You Share In Jesus' Purpose For Living!
- What Is This Purpose?
 - To "Declare" The Name Of The Lord!
 - To "Sing" Praise To The Lord!
 - This Is His Purpose!
 - And To Lead Us As We Fulfill This Purpose Also!
 - "In The Midst" - It Is As If He Is Here In The Middle Of Our Church Leading Us As We Sing Praises To The Lord!
 - **IE:** He Is Our "Worship Leader!"
 - Matthew 18:20 - "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them!"
 - Is This Your Purpose?
 - It Couldn't Be Described In Any Simpler Terms!
 - To "Declare" & To "Praise"!
- When You Become A Part Of The Family Of God, Jesus Says:
 - "What's Mine Is Yours!"
 - And We Share The Same Purpose!

6. *We Share The Same Trust As Jesus!*

- 2:13 - "And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me!"
- What Is This Trust Like?
 - When You Are A part Of The Family Of God:
 - You Share The Same Trust In God The Father!
 - Jesus Says: "What's Mine Is Yours!"
 - Jesus Lived A Life Of Dependence Upon His Father While He Was On This Earth!
 - For All Of His Needs! Physical / Emotional / Spiritual!
 - We Can & Must Trust In Our Heavenly Father For All Of Our Needs!
 - Did Jesus' Needs Ever Go Unmet?
 - Neither Will Your's, If You Are Part Of The Family Of God!
 - **IE:** Rhonda's Poem!
- "The Week Before Christmas All Without Trouble,
When Out Of My Mouth A Tooth Did Tumble.
It Happened To Be A Root Canal And Crown.
The Root Was Still There And It Made Me Frown.
A Dentist Said It Must Be An Extraction,
But For The Cost Of It I Had Only A Fraction.
The Very Next Day A Letter Arrived As God Did Know
It Contained Enough Money To Pay For The Whole.
My Immediate Response Was Praise To The Lord!

God Has Provided According To His Word!
God Uses Your Prayers More Than You Realize
For This I Am Thankful, And This I Trust You Recognize!”

- What Is This Trust For?
 - To Demonstrate How We Ought To Live Our Lives For The Lord!
 - **IE:** One Night In Brockton, Massachusetts, After A Service Where Dwight L. Moody Preached, A Young Man Stood To Speak. It Soon Became Clear That He Knew Very Little About The Bible & Its Teachings. He Finished By Saying: “I’m Not Quite Sure – But I’m Going To Trust & I’m Going To Obey!” From This Came Our Song: “Trust And Obey, For There’s No Other Way To Be Happy In Jesus, But To Trust And Obey!”
- When You Become A Part Of The Family Of God, Jesus Says:
 - “What’s Mine Is Yours!”
 - And We Share The Same Trust!

Conclusion:

1. What We Have Seen In Hebrews 2:10-13 Is What It Means To Be A Part Of The Family Of God!
 - It Means That You Share With Jesus:
 - The Same Relationship – As Sons & Daughters Of God!
 - The Same Path – The Path Of Suffering That Leads To Glory!
 - The Same Character – The Holy Character That Sets Us Apart For God’s Use!
 - The Same Brotherhood – Which Reveals How Close Of A Relationship You Can & Should Have As A Christian!
 - The Same Purpose – To Declare & Praise!
 - The Same Trust – “Trust & Obey!”
2. “Are you glad you’re a part of the family of God? Have you been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood? Are you joint heirs with Jesus, as you travel this sod? Are you a part of the family, the family of God?”

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