

## Video 1 - Part of God's Family

Who am I?

This is a question you have certainly asked yourself before. And while there are many ways to come to an answer, as Christians, we can always answer this question by simply affirming that we are members of God's family. "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1, NKJV).

At first glance, some people might argue that this kind of answer might be too easy. However, being called to be part of God's family holds much more meaning than it seems.

God is not only the Creator of everything, He is also the Provider of everything we need. And while He graciously gives us all that we need His greatest gift of all is His son: Jesus.

It's through Jesus's sacrifice that we find a sense of purpose and meaning to life. Being a member of God's family has far reaching implications. As member's of God's family we should do more than love and obey the Creator. We must also share the privilege and responsibility of carrying out His will on earth.

As family, there are no natural boundaries between us. This makes us daughters, sons, sisters, brothers and stewards of the same heritage. In order to thrive in these roles assigned to us by Christ, He wisely left us instructions on how to properly carry out this mission.

In Matthew 6:19, while talking to a rich young ruler, Jesus instructed him on how to best use his worldly means: "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me" (Matt. 19: 21).

As members of God's family, we must also heed this instruction and invest in eternity. We must use our blessings to bless others and allow nothing to prevent anyone from following Jesus. After all the real treasure is not our financial resources or goods here on earth, but the blessings that will come when God's family is reunited.

God has created and redeemed us to be His stewards, so let's study the Bible daily and grow in together in God!