



SEVEN PICTURES OF THE CHURCH

GOD'S HOUSEHOLD

Consequently, **you are** no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also **members of his household,**

-Eph 2:19

...know how people ought to conduct themselves in **God's household, which is the church** of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth
1 Ti 3:14-15.

If it is time for judgment to begin with **God's household**; and if it begins with **us**, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?
-1 Pe 4:17.

Give a biblical interpretation of "the sons of God and daughters of men" that provides a sound interpretation of Genesis 6:1-5.
(Compare with Gen 24:3)

Identify some further instructions for God's household. (Gal 6:1-10)

A Powerful Picture

Review the parable of the lost son (Luke 15) and share what makes it stand out as a powerful illustration of God's grace for his children.

Born Again and Adopted into the Family

List some important truths about how we became part of God's family.

- ❖ John 1:11-13
- ❖ Gal 3:6-11
- ❖ Gal 3:26-27
- ❖ Gal 4:5-7

Belonging to a New Family

Discuss the significance of Abraham saying, "The LORD, the God of heaven, who brought me out of my father's household." (Ge 24:7)

Breakdown what Jesus means by saying, "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." (Mt 10:37)

What comfort does Jesus offer when our faith breaks us away from our earthly family? (Mk 10:29-31)

A Household that Continues in Harmony

Describe the qualifications of managers of God's household. (Ti 1:7-9)

Share two vital points as we carry out our vocations. (1 Thes 4:9-12)

Describe how we respond to those outside God's family. (1 Pt 2:13-17, Mt 5:43-48)

Like a Child at Home

Share what comfort you have from these related biblical metaphors.

- ✓ "Brother / Sister"
- ✓ "Our Father in Heaven"
- ✓ "The Church as Our Mother" (Isaiah 54; 66:7-13, Ps 87)
- ✓ "Heirs / Inheritance"