

God is a loving God that desires a _____ family.

"For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." **Ephesians 3:14-15**

- God devised a plan whereby He could bring us into His family and ______ with us all that He has.
- Let's answer three questions from the Bible concerning God's family.

First, how does a person get into God's family?

• Christ has done it all for us!

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly... But God commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." **Romans 5:6, 8**

- When you place your faith in Christ, you are immediately justified in God's sight. You are brought into God's family by ______ in Christ!
 Galatians 2:16; 3:22, 24, 26
- God becomes our Father, and we become His children. Galatians 4:6

What are the benefits to being in God's family?

• The moment you are spiritually born into God's family, you receive some astounding birthday gifts.

"In whom (Christ) also we have obtained an inheritance..." Ephesians 1:11

- What are some of the specific details of our inheritance?
 - An eternal _____ in heaven. Ephesians 2:6
 - All spiritual ______. Ephesians 1:3
 - Acceptance before God. **Ephesians 1:6; 2:13**
 - Forgiveness of our _____. Ephesians 1:7
 - God's Spirit within us. **Ephesians 1:13-14**
 - Complete ______ to God. Ephesians 2:18

How are you identified with God's family?

• Because of your faith in Christ, God now sees you as _____ with Christ. You have "put on Christ." Galatians 3:26-27

"For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones." Ephesians 5:30

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body... and have been all made to drink into one Spirit... Now you are the body of Christ, and members in particular." **1 Corinthians 12:13, 27**

Are you a member of God's family? Have you been born into God's family through ______ in Jesus Christ?