

Series: What On Earth Am I Here For?

Message: You Were Formed for God's Family

One of them (asked Jesus): "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:35-40)

- ✓ **I have been called by God to do good to all, especially God's _____.**

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, specially to those who belong to the **family** of believers. (Galatians 6:10)

1. **We can choose _____ – living _____ God's Family.**

2. **We can choose _____ – living _____ God's Family.**

Cf. Ephesians 2:13-19

- **We choose membership in God's Family by _____.**

Cf. Galatians 4:7

- **And when we do that, Jesus brings us into God's Family! Father God becomes our Heavenly Father. We become His children. Other believers become Jesus' brothers & sisters...and ours!**

Cf. Hebrews 2:11

- **So we are called to _____ to His Body, His church.**

Cf. Romans 12:4-5

3. **We can choose _____ – connecting with a _____ part of The Family of God.**

- **At some point family needs to get specific; and it's in the context of a specific part of God's Family that we get to know and be known – at a level where we can help each other personally experience God's love and grow into greater maturity.**

⇒ **In _____ partnership, we find _____ acceptance.**

⇒ **In specific partnership, we help each other _____ our living.**

⇒ **In specific partnership we help _____ transformation.**

Cf. Hebrews 10:24-25

Cf. 1 John 3:14, 16

- **Get into one of our groups.**

- **Let everyone know you are in God's Family...get baptized.**

- **Consider official membership at Gateway...take the "Discovering Gateway" Class to understand our part of His Family & connect.**

- **Fall in love with the church, The Bride of Jesus, The Family of God!**

Key: Family; association, near; belonging, in; trusting Jesus; belong; partnership, specific; specific, specific; adjust; accelerate;

Particularly helpful resources: books and messages by Rick Warren of Saddleback Community Church in connection with the "What On Earth Am I Here For?" studies