

**"You are no longer foreigners and aliens,
but fellow citizens with God's people and
members of God's household."**

- Ephesians 2:19 -





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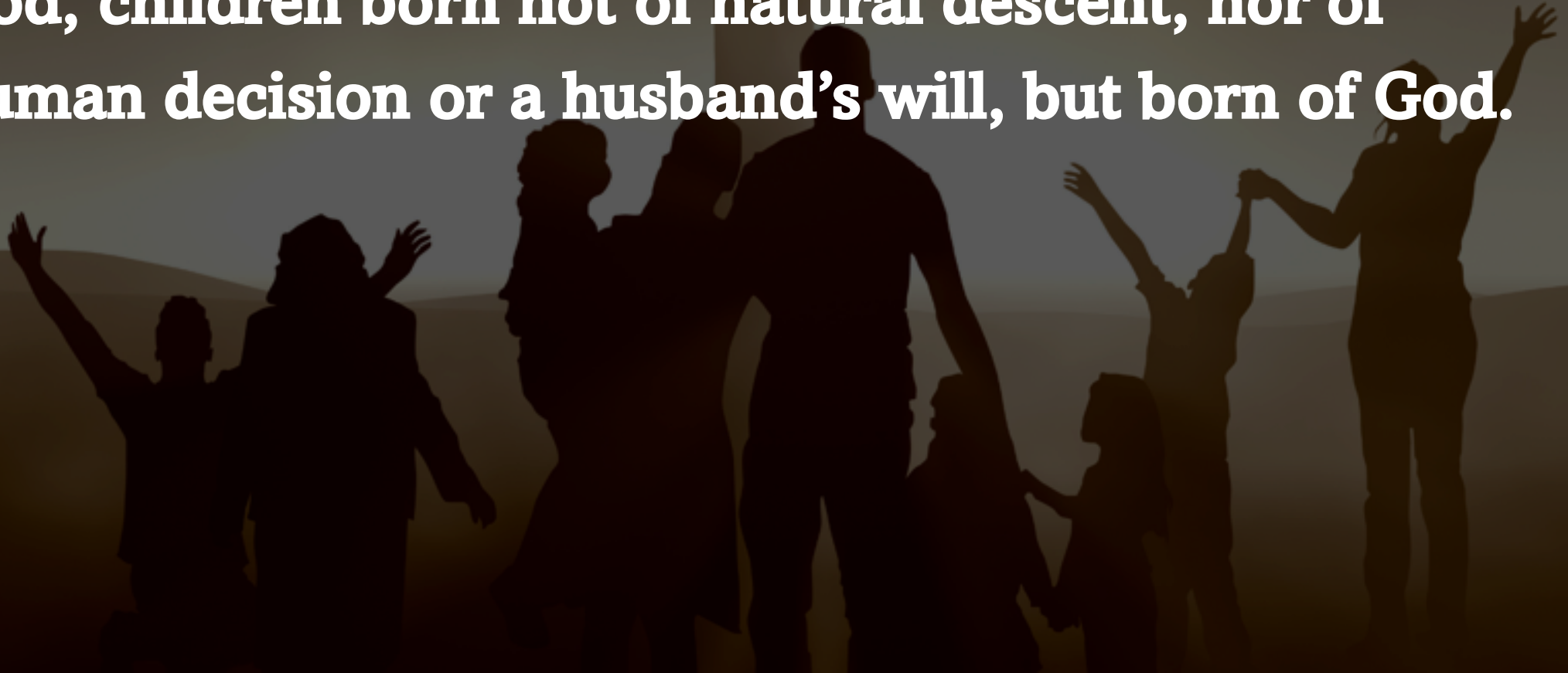
THE BLESSED FAMILY OF GOD

**As God's children we will receive the
blessings of His favor and His love**



John 1:12-13

Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.



**I. HE BLESSES US WITH
UNMERITED FAVOR**



**A. GOD ADOPTED US INTO HIS
FAMILY**



Ephesians 1:5,

⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will...



John 8:44,

“You belong to your father the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire, He was a murderer from the beginning, not with holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”



**B. GOD ACCEPTED US AS HIS
CHILDREN**



Galatians 4:6-7,

⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.”

⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.”



I ascend to My Father, and your Father
to My God, and to your God.

John 20:17



2 Corinthians 6:18,

“I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.



What are the implications of being God's child?



1. As a child of God, we carry His name

Ephesians 3:14-15

“14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,



2. We are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, our hope and our future glory.

Gal 4:7.


“7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.



3. We have God's Spirit in us

Romans 8:14-16

“¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.



God's ultimate goal in making us His children is to save us forever and to conform us to be like His Son.

Romans 8:29

²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.



Psalms 68:5-6,

**“He is a father to the fatherless....God sets the lonely
in families.”**



II. GOD BLESSES US WITH HIS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life”

Romans 5:8

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

1. He Loved Us First –

1 John 4:19

“We loved Him because He first loved us”

2. He Loved Us Foremost –

Romans 8:32, “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

3. He Loved Us Forever –

Jeremiah 31:3, “ The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore, with lovingkindness I have drawn you.”

Roman 8:38-39

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”