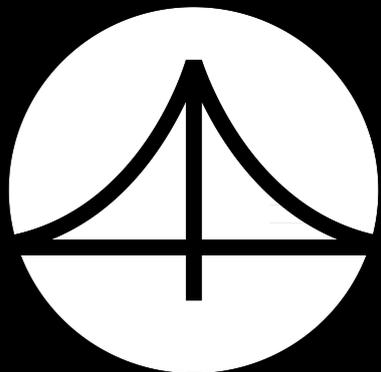


Who Are You? Part of God's Family

Luke 3:23-38



A proper understanding of who you are is necessary to live properly in God's world.

Jesus is part of a family of promise and the family of God, and He invites you to join His family

A Family of Promise

- Promise #1 - David

“The LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your father, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever... And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

– 2 Sam. 7:11-13, 16

A Family of Promise

- Promise #1 - David
 - David's descendant will be king over Israel forever
- Promise #2 - Abraham

“I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

– Gen. 12:1-3

A Family of Promise

- Promise #1 - David
 - David's descendant will be king over Israel forever
- Promise #2 - Abraham
 - Through Abraham's family, all nations on earth will be blessed
- Promise #3 - Adam

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

– Gen. 3:15

A Family of Promise

- Promise #1 - David
 - David's descendant will be king over Israel forever
- Promise #2 - Abraham
 - Through Abraham's family, all nations on earth will be blessed
- Promise #3 - Adam
 - Someone from Adam's family will defeat Satan, sin, and its consequences

Luke 3:23-38

The Family of God

- Luke extends the genealogy to include God
- Jesus has a special, unique connection to God that qualifies Him for the work He came to do

An Invitation to Us

- Luke's genealogy goes all the way to Adam to show that Jesus' work is for all humanity
- Although we were created to live in God's family, we aligned ourselves with an alternative family that rebels against Him through our sin
- Through His work, Jesus invites us into God's spiritual family

“For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.”

– Romans 8:15-17

An Invitation to Us

- The invitation comes through union with Christ

“We share in his life and obedience, his death and his resurrection, even his ascension! We participate in another’s victory. All that is his becomes ours.”

– Rankin Wilbourne

An Invitation to Us

- The invitation comes through union with Christ
- The genealogy of Jesus tells us not only of Jesus' family, but also of our family in Him
- If you aren't a Christian, this is an invitation to join God's family
- If you are a Christian, it means your identity is secure without you having to prove yourself

