THREE FAMILIES YOU NEED

Text: Eph. 5:22-6:4
Intro: The Bible mentions 3 different families that we should belong to. The Lord wants to add to your life by giving you a group of people to belong to that will help you in many ways. The Lord blesses you with a physical family. This family is seen in these verses. The Lord wants to bless you with a spiritual family. The Lord wants to bless you with a physical spiritual family. God intended to meet your needs by giving you a family that would love and care for you. Let’s notice the three families.

I. THE EARTHLY FAMILY

A. The man in the family
1. Human love for someone is very beautiful. It is the gift of God.
2. A man experiences love for a woman. He gets serious and wants to marry the woman out of love.
3. The man’s key to the marriage relationship is adoration or love. V25 A man is to love his wife as Christ loved His church.
4. Love will always find ways of expressing itself. A man can be guilty of neglecting to express himself.

B. The mate in the family
1. A woman falls in love with a man and wants to commit her life to him.
2. She finds a common ground and interest and wants to share her life with the man she chooses to marry.
3. The woman’s key in the marriage relationship is submission to her husband. V22 Part of the curse of sin for Eve was she would be ruled over by Adam. Gen. 3:16
4. The Bible puts the man or husband at the head of the home. He is to direct his family in their affairs.

5. The woman was created as a help mate or a help suitable for man.
6. The key for the woman in marriage is to submit or yield to her husband as her head or leader.

C. The members of the family
1. The fruit of a man and woman’s love for each other is children.
2. It is amazing how the Lord reproduces the traits which are physical, mental, emotional, etc., and puts them in your offspring.
3. Children are given to us of the Lord. We are to love, provide, and take care of them.
4. The children are to obey their parents. They are to honor or respect their mother and father.
5. This is for their well being and long life. Many have died because of disobedience and rebellion.
6. The children are to be taught and trained by the parents. Teach them right and wrong. Teach them how to face life and deal with problems.

II. THE HEAVENLY FAMILY

A. The heavenly Father
1. Each of us had an earthly father. Our father begot us and our mothers conceived us and gave birth to us.
2. Spiritually, the devil is the father of all. John 8:44
3. God wants to become our Father. He wants to beget us.
4. All who are begotten of God become a part of His spiritual family. “Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.” Eph. 3:15
5. All who receive Jesus as Saviour are born of God. We experience the new or heavenly birth. John 1:12,13

B. The heart faith
1. How do you experience the new birth? How do you become born again?
2. You must repent of your sins. You must experience a sorrow of heart that you have sinned against God. Luke 13:3
3. You must believe on or in the Lord as your Saviour. To believe means you trust Jesus to save your soul. Acts 16:31
4. You must believe in your heart or with your heart. Rom. 10:9,10 It is with the heart that man believes unto righteousness.
5. God accounts our faith in Jesus for righteousness. Rom. 4:5
6. Paul wrote, “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:26
7. Many have made a grave mistake in life. They have not discerned between a head knowledge and a heart knowledge.
8. There is a difference between a mental acceptance and a heart reception.

C. The holy fruit
1. Can you know that you are saved? Can others know that you are saved? Only you and God know if you have experienced the New Birth and you are part of His family.
2. The fruit of love gives evidence that you have been born again. Love for saved people. I John 3:14 Love for the Lord. I John 4:19
3. Joy and rejoicing in the Lord’s Word. Rom. 7:22
4. The witness of God’s Holy Spirit. Rom. 8:16 Answered prayer is an evidence. I John 5:15-16
5. The desire and struggle of living righteously. I Peter 1:15,16 Doing some work for the Lord.
6. When someone never goes to church, doesn’t pray, doesn’t read the Bible, and doesn’t want to associate with saved people, you have a right to wonder if they are saved.

III. THE SPIRITUAL FAMILY

A. The Master
1. Jesus our Lord has a divine plan for your life. You have an earthly family. You belong to the heavenly family.
2. He wants you to be part of a spiritual family. We call that family a church.
3. A church should train, teach, take care of, and provide a loving and righteous climate for the Lord’s people.
4. Ephesians 3:21 instructs us to give glory unto

the Lord in one of His churches from the time you are born again until the Lord returns or you die.

B. The membership
1. A church is a called out assembly of baptized believers who covenant together or agree to carry out the commands of the Lord.
2. Saved people should follow the Lord in baptism and church membership.
3. The Holy Spirit will lead and direct you to a church where you can serve the Lord and work for Him.
4. I am thankful for my church family. I have had more heartaches at this church than any one that I have pastored. I have had more joy at this church too.

C. The ministering
1. God has blessed you with talents and abilities. Use them for Him in our church.
2. Share your faith with friends and family. Someone helped you find the Lord as Saviour. You help someone else.
3. Love, comfort, teach, encourage, and help other members.
4. Be a vital part of your church family. How sad for a member to die and no one remembers that member.
5. You get out of your church what you put into her. Give your best, all, and first to the Lord through your church.

From The Philippians:
Words cannot be uttered of the overwhelming joy upon receiving precious small package in the first time of my life. It had us in tears of joy and happiness. We are thanking our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit for you all to the glory of our heavenly Father. Your Spirit guide and anointed books and newsletters are real blessing to us, all the messages heard by mind. We are studied the pointed truths from cover to cover, words for words, principle by principle, precept upon precept, meditating and comparing to the Word of God. Our hearts and mind enlightened, refreshed and touched our lives. And cause us to remain faith serving God the lost and dying humanities. I gathered all the verses to depend my old traditional views, but it went puffs and hold no water in us. God did not fail us, He answer our prayers through you. Surely this is the truth we are looking for, a truth which has a tremendous impact and full of spiritual insight. They teach the true uncompromised Word of God handed down from the prophets to the apostles. Pastor Charles, please teach us more by sending all of your book study outlines (As many copies that you can provide) in order to fill our hungry and thirsty souls so that in turn we may qualify to teach others.

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REPENTING WHEN IT'S TOO LATE
By Kenneth Click

Text: John 7:31-34.

I. THE MEANING OF REPENTANCE.
   A. A genuine sorrow toward God on account of sin.
   B. An inward repugnance to sin followed by the actual forsaking of it.
   C. Humble self-surrender to the will and service of God.

II. FIVE FACTS CONCERNING REPENTANCE.
   A. One must repent while life lasts.
   B. One must repent while the gospel message appeals to him.
   C. One must repent while the mind is normal and can understand God's truth.
   D. For most people, repentance must come in youth or never at all.
   E. One must repent today - before the door is shut - because tomorrow never comes.

III. FOUR EXAMPLES OF LOST OPPORTUNITY.
   A. Jezebel: Revelation 2:21
   B. Judas: Matthew 27:3-10
   C. Jewish Nation: Psalm 137:1-3

IV. THIS DAY OF REPENTANCE CANNOT BE RECALLED.
   A. Once the door of salvation is shut, nothing can open it again.
   B. So many remain unmoved while the door slowly shuts.

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DO I PAY ATTENTION TO CONVICTION?
By Sammy Eldredge

Text: Ephesians 4:30
Intro: God has set up a unique way of bringing people to a saving knowledge of His grace. This is through the preached word, and the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

I. WHAT IS CONVICTION?
A. The act of convincing a person of error.
   1. The Bible simply states, "All have sinned."
   2. Do you believe you have sinned?
   3. The Word says it and the Spirit lays it on your heart.
   4. It is up to you if you believe it or not!

B. God is trying to warn of His coming wrath.
   1. He tells us what sin is.
   2. He tells us what He is going to do about sin.
   3. He tells us how to escape His judgment.

C. Conviction is an invitation of forgiveness and salvation.
   1. God is saying to you and me, "Confess and be forgiven."
   2. Receive salvation and then keep your life right by confessing each day.

II. WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?
A. Conviction comes from God.
   1. God is a trinity working for the purpose of disposing of sin and bringing His creation to complete righteousness.
   2. It is His plan to make right the wrong, created by Satan.

B. Conviction comes because of Jesus Christ.
   1. The reason God can offer you forgiveness is because of what Jesus did.
   2. Without Him, we would have just died and gone to hell.

C. Conviction comes through the Holy Spirit.
   1. The third person of the Godhead, comes into your heart and makes you aware of your need.
   2. He acts only upon the written Word. (Not man's ideas)
   3. He draws you to accept Jesus as your payment for sin.

III. HOW THEN SHOULD I REACT?
A. Listen to the Word. (Preached or read)
   1. You may hear with the ear, but not with the heart.
   2. In order to take serious what is said, we must listen with our heart.

B. Listen with a personal application.
   1. This word is talking about my situation.
   2. I personally am guilty, or involved in this process.

C. Believe what the Word says.
   1. By grace are you saved through faith.
   2. Not by works lest any man should boast.

IV. WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I IGNORE IT?
A. It will not go away by ignorance.
   1. Because you don't believe it doesn't make it not true.
   2. Not only will the conviction come back, the judgment for sin will be fulfilled if you believe or not.

B. God's Word will be fulfilled to the uttermost.
   1. You have heard someone say, "Hell on Earth."
2. They do not know what they are talking about.
3. God will take His judgment to the uttermost.
   a. Heaven for those who accept His Word.
   b. Eternal hell and torment for those who don't.
C. Personal judgment will come (Now or later).
   1. God knows your heart, now, and your future.
   2. He is very patient because He knows how it will turn out.
   3. But His judgment is just as sure because of His foreknowledge.

Conclusion: I ask you to search your heart, find out if God is speaking to you this day and then follow His instructions.
   A. If you don't know what His instructions are, talk to your preacher or pastor.
   B. That is why God calls men into this kind of ministry.

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THE SAVIOUR COMES TO THE UNSAVED

Text: Hebrews 2:9; Philippians 2:5-11; John 4:1-15
Introduction:
A. Bible Fact No. 1: Unsaved folk left to themselves do not seek the Lord. Romans 3:11
B. Bible fact No. 2: Heaven is a holy place and no unsaved sinner will enter there. Rev. 21:27
C. Blessed Bible fact No. 3: The Saviour came to unsaved folk when they could not come to Him.
   1. He humbled Himself and took the role of an obedient servant. As such he died for sinners who could not save themselves.
   2. The King of kings, Lord of lords, Creator of heaven and earth...left heaven...walked the hills, sandbeds, and city streets on planet earth to seek and save the unsaved. Luke 19:10
   3. The sinless Son of God went to Calvary...enduring the shame and pain and tasted death for every sinner.

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4. While here in the earth, The Saviour began a church and commissioned her to "GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE." Mark 16:15

I. THE SAVIOUR REACHES DOWN TO THE UNSAVED.
   A. In His goodness leading them to repentance: John 3:17; Romans 2:4
   B. In grace bringing salvation in reach of one and all who are unsaved. Titus 2:11
   C. As the UNSPEAKABLE GIFT (II Cor. 9:15) He reaches out to sinners with the GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE. John 14:6; 4:10; 10:28

II. THE SAVIOUR REVEALS HIMSELF TO THE UNSAVED.
   A. As the REVEALING LIGHT. John 1:9; Acts 9:3; John 3:19
   B. As the REDEEMING LOVER. John 15:13; Gal. 2:20

III. THE SAVIOUR RECEIVES THE UNSAVED.
   A. As a SINNER: Luke 15:12; Rom. 3:19,23
   B. Those with SINFUL PAST; John 4; I Tim. 1:12-15
   C. SORROWFUL FOR SIN: II Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:13
   D. SEEKING SINNERS: Isaiah 55:6,7; 45:22; Matthew 11:28

IV. THE SAVIOUR REMAKES THE UNSAVED WHO RECEIVE HIM BY HEART FAITH.
   A. Removes the sin stains. Eph. 1:7
   B. Revives the soul. Eph. 2:1; I John 5:11-13
   C. Raises upward. Psalm 40:2; Eph. 2:5,6
   D. Thus we read...II Cor. 5:17
   E. A MOST IMPORTANT LESSON TAUGHT BY THE SAVIOUR: John 3:3,5,7

V. THE SAVIOUR RESTORES THE STRAYING SAVED TIME AND TIME AGAIN.
   A. The Saviour's blood is a CONTINUOUS CLEANSER. I John 1:7,9
   B. The Saviour is the ABIDING ADVOCATE to the saved. I John 2:1,2; Romans 8:34
   C. The Saviour is the RESTORING SHEPHERD to the straying lambs or sheep.
      1. Psalm 23:3
      3. He restored Peter to his calling. John 21:15-17
      4. A friendly REMINDER FROM A FRIEND: If the GENTLE LOOK OF LOVE DOES NOT WORK IN THE RESTORING PROCESS, the shepherd knows how to use much, much stronger measures. II Samuel 12:10-14

VI. THE SAVIOUR REVIVES THE SAVED THAT WE MAY REJOICE IN HIM.
   A. Rejoicing is the fruit of salvation. Acts 8:39
THE WORTH OF A SOUL
By Hiram Melton

Text: Matthew 16:26

I. THE WORTH OF A SOUL TO GOD
A. More than animal life
   1. God created all animals.
   2. Placed man over animal creation.
B. More than material creation
   1. God created the earth and all that is in it.
   2. Set man over material creation; and told him to subdue it.
C. More than angels
   1. Angels were created as ministers.
   2. In the new order, no doubt, angels will be our servants.
D. Caused God to send Jesus into the world.

II. THE WORTH OF A SOUL TO JESUS
A. This is seen:
   1. In what He gave up.
   2. What He foresaw. Hebrews. 12:2
B. He gave us eternal life.

III. THE WORTH OF A SOUL TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
A. He came to convict. John 16:9
B. He regenerates and quickens. Eph. 2:1
C. He seals. Eph. 4:30
D. He intercedes. Romans 8:26,27

IV. WHAT IS A SOUL WORTH TO YOU?
A. The soul:
   1. Of your child
   2. Your companion
   3. Your neighbor and your kindred
B. Is it worth:
   1. Prompt attendance at the Lord’s house
   2. Time spent in visitation
   3. Ten percent of your income
   4. Money paid to missions

V. WHAT IS YOUR OWN SOUL WORTH?
A. Is it worth the price God paid for it?
B. Is it worth yielding to God in service?

VI. SINNER WHAT IS YOUR SOUL WORTH?
A. The repentance necessary to bring about salvation.
B. The faith it takes to trust Christ as your Saviour.

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PRAYER

Prayer is a heart to heart with God,
your inner feelings fill with His love;
Burdens, troubles, and trials cast down
To the arms of the Father above.
Prayer is soothing to the weary,  
That only the Lord can provide;  
It pricks even the stony hearts,  
Turn to Jesus, He'll forever abide.

Prayer can move mountains  
When you persist to ask;  
The weapon with power against the foes,  
And the Lord will bring it to pass.

Yes, prayer is a must  
Every child of God can do;  
It's your strength which God alone  
Can give, and He'll see you through.

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AT THE JUDGMENT  
By R.H. Ledford

Text: I Corinthians 3:11-15

Introduction:  
A. Each one of us will stand before Christ one day.  
   What will He say to you?  
B. What do you think the Judgment Seat of Christ  
   will be like?  
C. The thing that should motivate us more than  
   anything else is OUR ACCOUNTABILITY TO GOD.

I. THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST  
A. The Judgment Seat of Christ is your final  
   judgment as a christian.  
B. The Judgment Seat of Christ is not a  
   judgment for sins, but a judgment of works.  
C. If you are a saved person, you will be there.

II. A PLACE OF ACCOUNTING  
A. Certified Public Accountants keep books to  
   determine how well you've done. They  
   check all the debits and credits, and they  
   calculate the bottom line.  
B. The Judgment Seat of Christ is a place for  
   accounting.  
C. At the Judgment seat of Christ we will give  
   a full account of our lives.  
D. At the Judgment Seat of Christ we will all  
   be examined.  
E. At the Judgment Seat of Christ the quality  
   of our work will be tested.  
F. At the Judgment Seat of Christ our works  
   will become evident to all.

III. REWARDS TO THE VICTORS  
A. After the weighing and testing, there's a  
   reward.  
B. After the weighing and testing, there will  
   also be loss.  
C. When Paul says "the things done while in  
   the body, whether good or bad" he means  
   the overall character of the sum, the total.

IV. SOBERING THOUGHTS  
A. These Bible facts should lead us to sober  
   thinking and diligent living for Christ.  
B. Your life counts for something NOW, either  
   gain or loss for all eternity.  
C. "NOW" is the only time you can serve Christ  
   in this body.

Conclusion: Take a hard look at your life because Jesus will  
   at the judgment. Remember your accountability to God.

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GUIDELINES FOR CHURCH MEMBERS (1)  

Text: I Timothy

ABRIDERS

A. The INSIGHT concerning the terminology.  
   1. Abide means to dwell, stick, and stay.  
   2. It carries with it the idea of faithfulness.

B. The IDENTITY of some areas.  
   1. Abide in the LORD. John 15:1-12  
   2. Abide in the FAITH.  
      a. The need. Jude 3 - Contend for the faith.  
      b. The Warning  
         1. The Bible reveals that, in the latter  
            days, some shall depart from the faith.  
         2. I Timothy 4:1-4
C. The INCENTIVE for abiding.
1. Abiding in the Lord produces FRUITFULNESS.
2. Abiding in the faith places us in the FAVOR of God.
   a. If you’ll stand by the Word of God, the God of the Word will stand by you.
      (George Crawford)

II. ABSTAINERS
A. Abstain from the PHILOSOPHIES of the world.
   1. The warnings
      a. I John 2:15-17
      c. Colossians 2:8
   2. The ways of man are not the ways of God.
      a. All subjects which relate to our lives are covered in God’s Word.
      b. The world has come up with different information about all of these areas.

B. Abstain from the PLACES that would ruin your testimony for Christ.

III. ACTIVE
A. ACTIVE - in the SERVICES of the CHURCH.
   1. Hebrews 10:25
   2. Ephesians 3:21

B. Active - in the SERVICES of CHRIST.
   1. This refers to the utilization; of your God given abilities, talents, or gifts.

IV. ADMONISHERS
A. The CONCEPT EXPRESSED
   1. Colossians 3:16
   2. Hebrews 10:25

B. The CONCEPT EXPLAINED
   1. This involves helping one another.
   2. This involves encouraging one another. (This does not mean to encourage people in the wrongs, but rather encourage them to do the right things.)
   3. This involves the manifestation of God’s love - seeking the well being of the other person.

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WAS GOD JOKING?

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Text: Galatians 6:7-9

Intro:
1. A joke is something said or done to excite a laugh. Something said or done in sport and not seriously.
2. The Bible speaks of God weeping, and laughing, but does God JOKED? Does He mean what He says? Does He say what He means?
3. Let us take four outstanding teachings found in the Bible, SIN, SALVATION, SERVICE, and the SECOND COMING. Was God just joking about these?

I. WAS GOD JOKING ABOUT SIN?
B. Ask Adam and Eve. God drove them out of the garden of Eden because they sinned.
C. Ask the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. God destroyed them because of sin.
D. Ask YOURSELF. God says you’re a sinner, condemned to hell. WAS HE JOKING ABOUT SIN? NO!

II. WAS GOD JOKING ABOUT SALVATION?
A. Ask Noah. He found grace and was preserved, body and soul through the flood.
B. Ask David who by inspiration wrote the 23rd Psalm.
C. Ask the woman at Jacob’s well. She found in Christ a well of spiritual water.
D. Ask Nicodemus. To him Jesus said, “Ye must be born again.”
E. Ask the thief on the cross. Jesus said to him, “Today, thou shalt be with me in paradise.” Was Jesus joking?
F. Ask yourself. Jesus said “Whosoever cometh to me, I will in no wise cast him out.” Have you come to Him? Did you receive Him? Are you saved? Was He joking? No, Jesus doesn’t joke about salvation.

III. WAS GOD JOKING ABOUT SERVICE?
A. Ask the nation of Israel.
   1. They were and are His chosen nation. They were in Old Testament times His witnesses.
   2. They served other gods and God chastened them.
B. Ask the early disciples of Christ. Peter, James, John, and others. Jesus said to them “Come follow me.” These men would say Christ was not joking about their call to service.
C. Ask the apostle Paul.
   1. Paul said, “Woe is me if I preach not the gospel.”
   2. Paul said, “We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”
D. Ask yourself. If you are a child of God, then you are numbered with that great host of names of all ages who have taken up the cross of service to serve the true and living God.
   1. Are we rendering the kind of service we ought to render? Are we serving to the best of our ability?
   2. Are we guilty of just joking about our service?
3. Remember, God does not JOKE about our service.

IV. WAS GOD JOKING ABOUT THE SECOND COMING?

A. How sad, many jokes are made about the second coming. The scoffers ask, "Where is the promise of His coming?" as if to joke and say, I don't believe it.

B. Jesus said, "I will come again." He wasn't joking.

C. Paul said much about the second coming of Christ. I Thess. 4:16,17 II Thess. 1:7,8

D. John said this about the second coming. Rev. 19:11,12

E. Almost one fourth of the Bible is given to teachings in regard to the second coming of Christ. It is no JOKE!

Conclusion:
1. God does weep over man's condition.
2. God will have the last laugh at man because man rejects Him.
3. God does not JOKE.
4. Don't make a JOKE out of your life.

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WHAT SHALL WE DO?

By John A. Turrentine

Text: Luke 3:7-14

Introduction:

A. A sincere desire to do right.
   1. Manoah- Judges 13:3
   2. Philistines- I Samuel 5:8; 6:2
   3. The Ship Master- Jonah 1:11

B. John's answer issues several fundamental rules of living correctly.

I. THE AUDIENCE OF JOHN

A. The crowd- Luke 3:7; Matt. 3:2
C. The religious- Matthew 3:7

II. THE MESSAGE OF JOHN

A. Repentance- Luke 3:3; Matt. 3:2
C. Bring forth fruits- Luke 3:8; Matt. 3:8

III. THE RESPONSE TO JOHN

A. Rejection - religious - Luke 7:30
B. The general public
   1. What shall we do?
   2. Share - don't be selfish.
   3. Use what you have for God's glory.
C. The tax collectors - business people
   1. What shall we do?
   2. Exact no more than is required. III. Price gouging, over charging etc.

D. The civil authorities
   1. What shall we do?
   2. Treat people correctly.
      a. Stop intimidation.
      b. Stop defrauding.
      c. Be content with pay.

Conclusion:

A. General application Acts 2:37,38
   1. What shall we do? Religious people
   2. Repent - Get right with God.
   3. Be baptized.
B. Personal application- Acts 16:312
   1. What shall I do? Lost people
   2. Believe on Jesus. Be saved.

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