

**We Are God's Family**  
**Prioritizing the Family of God**  
Ephesians 4:1-3

**Two Goals of God in Saving Us**

*Paul wrote Ephesians to help Christians understand the two most important priorities of God in the life of a Christian.*

**The Work of Salvation**  
**Summary**

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

*Individual Work of Father, Son and Holy Spirit*

**Prayer that we grow in depth of understanding (Eph. 1:15-23)**

1. What is the "Hope of His Calling" (vs. 18)
2. What are the riches of "His Inheritance" in the Saints (vs. 18)
3. What is the surpassing greatness of His power in us (vs. 19-23)

**1. The Hope of His Calling**

*Ephesians 1:1-10 ME*

*Life of a Child of God*

*Before and After Picture*

*Dead to God*

*Now Alive to God*

*Created to work for God (2:10)*

**2. God's Inheritance in the Saints**

*Ephesians 1:11-22 US as Family*

*Life of the Family of God*

*Before and After Picture*

*Divided People*

*Now a United Family*

*A Growing Organism (2:18-22)*

**Paul's Calling as an Administrator of God's Two-Fold Work**

*Ephesians 3:1-13*

*The Church is a Display of God's Wisdom in Creating a Family*

**Prayer for the Family of God Everywhere**

*Ephesians 3:14-21*

1. Growth in Christ-like love
2. Growth as children becoming like our Heaven Father

**Our Management of God's Work (Ephesians 4:1-3)**

1. **Knowing and committing to faithful management of our calling as children of God. (4:1)**

*Personal Growth*

*Corporate Growth*

2. **My disposition toward the brethren is my personal starting point. (4:2)**

*Humility (Romans 12:3)*

*Gentleness*

*Patience*

*Showing forbearance in love*

3. **My chosen goal is the goal of Jesus expressed in prayer on the night before He died. (4:3)**

*John 17:15-24*

*We are not of the world as children of God- 17:16*

*We are transformed by "Truth" as taught by Jesus- 17:19*

*We are to live as "one" family of God in this world- 17:21-23*

*Our "oneness" is our witness to the world- 17:23*

**My Commitment as a Child of God**

- I need to **embrace the vision of God and Jesus not only to transform me but to create a truly Christ-like family with Him as our Father.**
- **Creating a truly Christ-like family of God requires giving up self-focus in order to sincerely love, care and encourage others.**
- **True "oneness" with every child of God is one of the most challenging goals in life but the one that makes us most like Jesus.**