



## I Love My Church *We are Family*

- I. WE BECOME MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS  
John 1:12-13; Galatians 3:26; 1 John 5:1
  
- II. ONCE IN GOD'S FAMILY WE ARE FULLY INCLUDED  
Ephesians 2:19
  - A. We are No Longer Outsiders.
  - B. We are Citizens of Jesus Nation and Members of God's Family
  
- III. WE ARE OBLIGATED TO FULFILL THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FAMILY
  - A. Intimacy with the Father. Galatians 4:5-6
  - B. Imitation of the Father. Ephesians 5:1-2
  - C. Active Love for Other Family Members 1 John 2:9; 3:18; 4:7; 5:1
  - D. Reconciliation with Each Other
    1. Remember that God takes unity very seriously.
    2. Let your love for the person exceed your irritation with their offense.
    3. Iron out differences and let go of grudges.
    4. Do not take up other people's grudges
    5. Right wrongs person-to-person.
    6. Resolve Conflict.
    7. Own your own part of the problem.
    8. Do not spread or listen to gossip and slander
    9. Avoid self-righteous, divisive people.
    10. Replace bitterness with forgiveness and love.