

focus on the family

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oikos

house, household, family

patria

family, tribe, nationalities

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,

primary unit for humanity

Gen 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

primary unit for humanity

Gen 6:18 "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark; you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

primary unit for humanity

Gen 9:12 And God said: "*This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:*

covenant unit

Gen 13:16 "And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, *then your descendants also could be numbered.*

covenant unit

Gen 17:5 "No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations.
Gen 17:6 "I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

covenant unit

Gen 17:7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

families and generations

Exo 20:5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,*
Exo 20:6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

families and generations

Psa 22:27 All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You.

the way back

Jer 6:16 Thus says the LORD:
"Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way *is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls.*

the way back

Pro 12:28 In the way of
righteousness *is life, And in its
pathway there is no death.*

the redeemed family

reconciliation and unity

Mal 4:6 And he will turn The hearts
of the fathers to the children, And
the hearts of the children to their
fathers, Lest I come and strike the
earth with a curse."

the redeemed family

order

Col 3:19 Husbands, love your wives and
do not be bitter toward them.

20 Children, obey your parents in all
things, for this is well pleasing to the
Lord.

21 Fathers, do not provoke your children,
lest they become discouraged.

the spiritual family

Mat 12:47 Then one said to Him,
"Look, Your mother and Your
brothers are standing outside,
seeking to speak with You."

48 But He answered and said to the
one who told Him, "Who is My
mother and who are My brothers?"

the spiritual family

Mat 12:49 And He stretched out His
hand toward His disciples and said,
"Here are My mother and My
brothers!

50 "For whoever does the will of My
Father in heaven is My brother and
sister and mother."

the church as family

God as father

Deu 1:31 'and in the wilderness
where you saw how the LORD your
God carried you, as a man carries
his son, in all the way that you went
until you came to this place.'

the church as family

God as father

Isa 63:16 Doubtless *You are our Father, Though Abraham was ignorant of us, And Israel does not acknowledge us. You, O LORD, are our Father; Our Redeemer from Everlasting is Your name.*

the church as family

Psa 68:6 God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; But the rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.

the church as family

God our father

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

the church as family

God our father

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

17 and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

Our beauty

Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. :3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

Our beauty

- Isa 60:4 "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at *your side*. 5 Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.

what then

Isa 60:8 *"Who are these who fly like
a cloud, And like doves to their
roosts?"*