

## The Family of God

<sup>31</sup> And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup> And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you."

<sup>33</sup> And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup> And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

- Mark 3:31-35 (ESV)

Is *everyone* a child of God?

Do we all have the same \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of his children?

Do we all live by the same \_\_\_\_\_?

Can we all claim the same \_\_\_\_\_?

Do we all have the same \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_?

Not according to the Bible. Not according to Jesus.

For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother. - Mark 3:35

Mark doesn't define what it means to "do the will of God" here. He doesn't need to. To "do the will of God" has already been described in his gospel: \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel. \_\_\_\_\_.

When you "do the will of God", you demonstrate that you *are* a "child of God's".

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

- John 1:10-13 (ESV)

Seven breathtaking **privileges of being a child of God** (Adapted from Tim Keller)

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*"It is not convincing to say that you are a child of God if you have none of the characteristics of your father."*

- Kevin DeYoung

**GREAT News** in this passage:

<sup>35</sup> For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

\_\_\_\_\_ is great news!

For *whoever* who repents, believes the gospel, and follows Christ becomes His forever family.

## What is the Gospel message?

The \_\_\_\_\_ is here and \_\_\_\_\_!

- As King, Jesus preexisted with the Father ...
- Took on human flesh, fulfilling God's kingdom promise to David to set up an everlasting Kingdom ...
- Died for the sins of His subjects so that their debt could be paid and forgiveness given ...
- Was raised bodily on the third day securing everlasting life and freedom from sin and death for us ...
- Appeared to many before ascending to heaven ...
- Is seated now at the right hand of the Father ...
- And is coming again as the rescuer of His people and the judge of the world ...

**My \_\_\_\_\_ to those realities?**

\_\_\_\_\_ of sins against the Almighty that have made us his enemies

\_\_\_\_\_ that makes us His sons and daughters and members of His kingdom

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