

3) A _____ Reveals A _____
_____.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. (John 13:35)

message notes

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Supernatural

The New Family

Ephesians 2:11-22

Our Identity is found in [Jesus]. His story is now our story. His bloodline is now our bloodline. His inheritance is now our inheritance. **And his family is now our family.** If we are in Christ, we have a new Father, a new ancestry, and a new household bustling with brothers and sisters. We have a church.

(Russell Moore, *The Storm-Tossed Family*)

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One Household

- _____ Is The _____

Of The New _____.

You died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
(Colossians 3:3-4)

- _____ What

It Means To Be _____.

A new command I give you, Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
(John 13:34)

The Supernatural Family

Three Important Truths

- 1) Family _____ A _____

_____.

- 2) _____ Is What _____

Our _____.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, is does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
(1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

The Apostle Paul could have very easily written off this community. He could have very easily thrown in the towel. Why didn't Paul throw in the towel on the New Testament church? For the same reason Jesus didn't. Church is family . . . In spite of their manifold flaws, sins, inconsistencies, hypocrisies, and weaknesses is hopeful for them, not because they are stellar people but because Jesus is a stellar Savior. . . so, instead of giving up on them, he doubles down on his involvement with them. Instead of shunning and shaming them, he speaks to them as his beloved brothers, sisters, sons, and daughters in the faith He names them not according to their failures but according to their redemptive status, using words like 'saints' and 'sanctified.' He thanks God always for them and reminds them that Jesus will sustain them until the end . . . Paul thinks about the church in the same way that Jesus does. He thinks about the church as family.

(Scott Sauls, *Jesus Outside The Lines*)