THE FAMILY OF GOD.

Eph.3,15 For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

Isaih 9,6 Prophesying of the birth of Christ--He shall be called wonderful,counseller,the mighty God,the everlasting Father,the prince of peace.

Christ is spokened of as the word,and he said that the word is the seed of the kingdom,In Jn.1,1 we are told "in the beginning was the word the word was with God,the word was God.1Jn.1,1That which was from the beginning,which we have heard,(we-the apostles) which we have seen with our eyes,which we have looked upon,and our hands have handled,of the word of life." Jesus says I am the way,the truth,the life.--I am the door to the sheepfold.

God married to Israel.Jer.3,14 God pleads with Judah(who had turned to worshipping idols)"turn O backsliding children;for I am married to you". HIS PEOPLE UNDER THE NEW TESTAMENT TO BE MARRIED TO CHRIST.Ro 7,4 Wherefore my brethren,ye have become dead to the law(of Moses) that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead,that we should bring forth fruit unto God.This teaches us thet the Jews were married to God.The tie that bound them to God,when the Law of moses was given at mount Siniah,When God promised them all the blessings of life for keeping the ten commandment law.a marriage is an agreement,a covenant between to parties.--Now when we become subject to Christ,We are joined to Him in an agreement-(the new covenant)in which He offers eternal life, and we agree to keep His commandments -Blessed are they that keep His commandments,that they may have a right to the tree of life and enter in to the City,as we read from 1 Cor.6,17 He that is Joined to the Lord is one Spirit.Also Eph.5,30 We are members of his body,of His flesh,and of His bones.Isa.54,5For thy maker is thy husband;the Lord of hosts is His name, and thy redeemer,the holy one of Israel;the God of the whole earth shall He be called.

When we accept Christ,an engagement (espousal) takes place as we read from 2 Cor.11,1to 3 Paul writing-For I am jealous over you with a Godly jealousy For I have espoused you to one Husband (Christ).--Rev.19,7 Rejoice and be glad,for the marriage of the lamb is come and His wife hath made herself ready.And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen,clean and white:for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints.We are made free from sin ,cleansed as we read fromEph,5,25 Husband love your wives,even as Christ also loved the church,and gave Himself for it,That He might sanctify and cleanse it bywith the washing of water by the word,That He might present it to Himself a glorious church,not having spot,or wrinkle or any such thing;but that it should be holy and without blemish.Let us now turn to Ac.22,16 Annanias was sent to Paul who had been praying three days,told Paul what God had called him for and then said "Now why tarriest thou?Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.We are cleansed of our sins when we obey the command given by Peter in Ac.2,38 when those who had Crucified the Son of God were convinced ,and cried to the Apostles,"Men and brethren what shall we do?Peter told them to repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins ,nd ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.Fulfilling the command of Christ Mk.16,16 Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature,he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.John in Rev.21,2 saw the Church being established,by the new covenant which is the mother of us allRead Gal.4,21-31-Verse26 But Jerusalem which is above is the mother of us all.Rev.21,2 And I John,saw the Holy city,the heavenly Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her Husband.

OUR NAME. the bride usually takes her husband's name,Christ being the husband ,we take His name as we read from Ac.11,26 And they were called Christians first at Antioc. Ac.26,28 Paul pleading his cause before Agrippa,who said "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.Then read 1 Pe. 4,16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian,let him not be ashamed;but let him glorify God on this behalf.--THIS NEW NAME WAS PROPHESIED.Is.62,2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness,and all kings thy glory:and thou shalt be called by a new name,which the mouth of the Lord shall name.-- The Gospel was only preached to the Jews in the first nine chapters of the acts of the apostles,after the command was given by Christ just before He ascended,"Goye therefore into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"Ac.10 The Gospel was first preached to the Gentile.--Acl4,27 the door of faith was opened to the Gentile.--Ac.15,8 God bore them witness,giving them the Holy Ghhost the same ashe did to the Jew.And Peter said in Acl0,34 Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation He that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.--The Gentiles were to see His righteousness and all kings His glory,and then they should be called by that new name.Jas.2,7 Do they not blaspheme that worthy name by which we are called?--(Christian)

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Eph.3,15 The whole family in heaven and earth.Eph.2,19 Paul writing to the church at Ephesus,who were Gentiles before conversion"Ye are no more Foreigners and strangers,but fellow citizens with the saints,and of the Household (family)of God.And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone.In whom the whole building fitly framed together,groweth unto a n holy temple of the Lord.2 Cor.6,16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?For Ye are the temple of the living God;as God hath said,I will dwell in them and walk in them;and I will be their God,and they shall be my people. Another--1 Tim.3,15 These things write I unto thee--that ye may know how to behave thyself in the house of God ,which is the Church of the living God,the ground and pillar of the truth.

CHILDREN IN GOD'S FAMILY. Gal.3;26 Ye are all the children of God by faith that is in Christ Jesus.Jn.1,12 He came to His own and His own received Him not,But as many as received Him,gave He them power to become the sons of God,even to them who believe on His name.--1 Jn.3,1Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us,that we should be called the sons of God.--Ro.8,14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.15 For ye have not the spirit of bondage again to fear,But ye have received the Spirit of adoption,whereby we cry Abba,Father.16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit,that we are the children of God;17 And if children,then heirs,Joint heirs with Christ.

HEIRS,-Gal.3,29If ye then be Christs,then are ye Abrahams seed and heirs according to the promise-the promise,that in thee (Abraham)and thy seed shall all families of the earth be blessed,Gen.12,3. --1 Jn.2,25 And this is the promise that He hath promised us,even eternal life,and this life is in His Son.--1 Jn.5,11And this Life is in His Son.he that hath the Son hath life.And he that hath not the Son,hath not life.--Tit.1,2 In hope of Eternal life,which God hath promised before the world began.

Children by birth.Jn.3,5-7Except a man be born of water and of the ~~Spi~~ Spirit,he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.--Lu.8,11 The word of God is the seed of the Kingdom.And Peter informs us 1 Pe.1,22-23 Seeing you ~~he~~ have purified your souls in obeying the truth,--through the Spirit-Verse ~~2~~ 23Being born again,not of corruptible seed,but of incorruptible,by the word of God,which liveth and abideth forever.We hear the Gospel,we believe the Gospel,and obey the gospel,Which according to Ro.~~1~~6 16 is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;to the Jew first and also to the Greek.For therein (the gospel-the word of God-the truth)is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith.Turn to ~~1~~6Cor.15-1 Moreover brethren I declare unto you the GOSPEL which I preached unto you, which also ye received,by which also ye are saved,if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you unless ye have believed in vain.--The gospel was preached to them,they received ~~it~~ the word and were saved by it.--He then tells them what the gospel is verse 3 For I delivered unto you first of all, that which I also received,how that Christ died for our sins,according to the scriptures;and that He was buried,and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures,And was seen of Cephas,then of the twelve. and others.--And when we do as the Corinthians did,realize that Christ died for our sins,was buried,then rose again,and repent of our sins,confessing our faith in Christ,and are baptized for the remission of our sins we obey that form of doctrine and are made free from our sins as is mentioned in Ro,6,17-18 which reforrs back to the 3d-4th-5th verses of the same chapter Know ye not,that so many of us as was baptized into Jesus ~~Chr~~ Christ,were baptized into His death?4 therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death:that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father,even so we also should walk in newness of life.5For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death,we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection.We go through a likeness of His death,burial and resurrection,come up out of the water,Born of water and the Spirit-The word of God-the seed of the kingdom-the Gospel.Jn.6,63 Jesus tells us,"The words that I speak unto you,they are Spirit and they are life.And we mentioned that Peter said we are born again not of corrupti~~bl~~ible seed,but of incorruptible,by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever. We hear the Gospel,which is the word of God,the word is the Spir~~i~~t it.obey that word,baptized for the remission of our sins,and are raised to walk a new life,a spiritual birth,a spiritual life.

A birth requires a begettal.

Jas 1,18 Of his own will begat He us with the word of truth.1 Cor.4,15 Paul says Though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ,yet have ye ~~n~~ not many fathers:for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospe pel; --He preached the gospel to them,they heard and obeyed it,were begotten of the gospel ,the word of God.--The word of God beingfurnished by the Spirit,and induced to be baptized for the remission of their sins,born of water and the Spirit-Arose to walk a new life which is guided by the word of God--Therefore let us lay aside the sins that so easily beset us and run with patience the race that is set before us.-The Christian race.

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