

# FAMILY MATTERS - Part 1

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## I. 3 keys to Family Membership:

1. OPPORTUNITY
2. OPTIONAL
3. OPEN

## II. Eph 3:14-21 - Family in heaven and earth

## III. 3 Keys to Family Membership:

### A. OPPORTUNITY - An opportunity must be offered. Initiated by someone else

#### 1. Family was God's Idea

- a) Gen 1:26-28 - Family in Heaven wanted a family on the earth
- b) John 15:16 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you

### B. OPTIONAL - Family is about love and relationship

#### 1. Love requires a choice - Choice to stay connected

- a) Josh 24:15 - Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...

#### 2. John 15:9-10 - If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love

- a) Rom 8:38-39 - Nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is *in* Christ Jesus our Lord.

(1) His love FOR us is UNCONDITIONAL, His love IN us is OPTIONAL

#### 3. Eph 3:15 - Family - *patria* - Lineage or family line of paternal descent

- a) Rev 5:2-7 - The Lamb is found worthy!

(1) John 10:18 18 No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily.

#### 4. Gal 4:4-7 - Jesus born of a "woman" to redeem us and offer us sonship

- a) God gave us an OPPORTUNITY but LOVE required it to be OPTIONAL

### C. OPEN - You must Open the Door

1. Acceptance - Being willing to receive the opportunity that is made available.

