FAMILY MATTERS - Part 1

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- I. 3 keys to Family Membership:
 - 1. **OPPORTUNITY**
 - 2. **OPTIONAL**
 - 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 in 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.

- 2. Rev 3:20-21 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.
- 3. <u>John 1:12-13</u> 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

APPLICATION:

- God made an OPPORTUNITY for us that we could not make for ourselves.
- God made it OPTIONAL because He desires a loving relationship & not control.
- We simply have to OPEN the door of our heart to be a part of His family.

Will you receive His love into your heart and become a son or daughter of G				