



First Family Rights and Privileges

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The Kingdom of God is made up of two parts, to facets: Family and Government.

To properly seek the Kingdom, we must start to understand both aspects.

God's goal is to allow His family to run His Kingdom.

Government has to do with authority, laws, and order; the legal aspect of the Kingdom.

The family has to deal with the relational side of the Kingdom: our relationship to God the Father, Jesus the Christ, the Holy Spirit, and other born-again believers.

Understanding and relating properly is vital to being a success in the Kingdom of God.

As it relates to family, we are children of God the Father, and Jesus Christ is not only our Lord and Savior, but He is our elder brother also.

Rom. 8:29 (New English Translation) - because those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Brother and sister is probably a more accurate translation because Jesus was not afraid to acknowledge females when speaking about His born-again family. **Matt. 12:50 – “For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.”**

Being a member of the First Family has rights, benefits, privileges, and inheritance that others who are not born-again do not have.

Our rights, benefits and privileges are granted to us from two sources, first as being a member of God's Family and second as a citizen of the Kingdom of God.

Our inheritance comes mainly because we are members of God's Family.

We have a benefit to the family name. **Eph. 3:14-15 - For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,** The Name Father, Father God as His Children, because we are born-again we have a right to be called a child of God.

Jesus is also our Elder Brother. **Rom. 8:29 - ...that He might become the firstborn among many brethren.**

Being in the First Family of God and as a citizen of the Kingdom of God, we have rights, benefits, privileges and inheritance.

Let's look at some of the rights, benefits, privileges, and inheritance we have as being a member of the First Family.

Elder Brother Jesus decided to share His inheritance with us.

Rom. 8:16-17 - The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. We can connect with God now Spirit to spirit because when we were born-again our Spirit man came alive.

¹⁷ and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Because God the Father is the father of all born-again believers, God has assumed the full responsibility of taking care of every need and godly desire that His begotten children may have. **Matt. 6:25, 31-34 - "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing. ...³¹ "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.**

When we worry, we are saying that we don't fully identify with our identity as children of God,

Jesus tells us not to worry because our heavenly Father knows what we need before we ask.

Not only does He know, but He has already provided what we need for us. All we have to do is receive by faith.

The reason why we don't see the manifestations God promised as our Father is because we haven't learned to identify with Him as our Heavenly Father to have faith and trust He will take care of what we need.

Matt. 7:11-12 - If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

Not only will God give us what we need as our Heavenly Father, but He will also give us good gifts.

We need our needs met and to receive good gifts so we can show off His goodness to a lost world.

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. God wants to add good gifts and recourses to meet our needs.