

- In the New Testament, the church is called the house of God
 - 1 Timothy 3:15
 - Hebrews 3:6
 - Ephesians 2:19, 3:15
- “House” describes a family relationship
 - Acts 10:2
 - Hebrews 11:7
 - 1 Timothy 3:4, 5:8

The church is the house of God

- God is the Father
 - Ephesians 3:14, 4:6
- Christ, a Son over the house of God
 - Hebrews 3:6
- Christians, children of God
 - Sons - Adopted
 - Romans 8:15-17
 - Heirs
 - Galatians 4:7
 - Jesus' brethren
 - Hebrews 2:11-12
 - Matthew 24:40

Blessings in the household of God

- God's children address their Father in prayer
 - Matthew 6:6-9
- God, the Father, provides the needs of His children
 - Matthew 6:33-34; 7:7-11
 - James 1:17
- God loves His children as a Father
 - 1 John 3:1
- God corrects His children as a Father does
 - Hebrews 12:4-11
- God comforts His children as a Father
 - 2 Corinthians 1:3

Blessings in the household of God

- Christ, our High Priest over the house of God
 - Hebrews 10:21; 4:14-16
- The Holy Spirit leads the children of God
 - Romans 8:14
 - Through the Spirit's word
 - Romans 8:1-2, 5

Blessings in the household of God

- Christians are brothers and sisters who are their brother's keeper
 - Help bear burdens
 - Galatians 6:2
 - Love and have brotherly love
 - Romans 12:10
 - Forgive
 - Ephesians 4:32
 - Care for when in need
 - Matthew 25:31-40
 - Reprove, rebuke, exhort
 - 2 Timothy 4:2-3
 - Restore when overtaken in a trespass
 - Galatians 6:1
 - Convert from error
 - James 5:19-20

Children's responsibilities in the house of God

- Obedient
 - 1 Peter 1:14-17
 - 1 John 3:10
- Separated from the world
 - 1 John 2:15-16
- Wear name assigned by the Father to the children
 - Acts 11:26
 - 1 Peter 4:15-16

Review Questions

- The church is the H _____ of _____.
- What is Christ's position in the household of God?
- Can one be a child of God and not be in the household of God?
- What blessings does a child have in the household of God?
- What responsibilities does a child have in the household of God?
- As children of God in the house of God, how are Christians to treat one another?
- Can a child in the household of God lose his inheritance?