

# It is not Good for Man to be Alone

- Gen 2:18
- So God created marriage and family
- Brotherly Love
- Later he also created nations
- When he designed the church he incorporated both of these because he did not want us to be alone.
- Patriotism
- These can be lost – replaced in the church

# Jesus knew the cost to follow Him

- *Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; 36 and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.' Matt 10:34-37*
- *Some of Jesus people will be alone*

# A lonely Walk

*"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Jn 15:18-20*

They don't want to be around us ... we reflect the light

We have all felt this. It is a sad and lonely feeling to be ostracized. Not overtly but in subtleness

# Jesus promised a New Family

*"Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, 30 who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time — houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions — and in the age to come, eternal life. Mark 10:29-30*

Can be literal in a large friendly congregation.  
God commands us to add brotherly kindness.

But He had a much bigger plan than just to rely on a local church.

# Our Adoption

- God knew of our loneliness and isolation when He was drawing up His plans:
- 4 just as ***He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world***, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having ***predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself***, according to the good pleasure of His will, *Eph 1:3-6*

# Preparations began with Abraham

- *No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. Gen 17:4-8*
- Dual fulfillment
- Fleshly Israel to bring the Christ
- Spiritual Israel – The true children of Abraham

# Our Adoption

- *predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself Eph. 1:5*
- *Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. Gal 4:29*
- *Abraham had two sons: one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. Gal 4:22*
- *we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free. Gal 4:31*
- *And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Gal 3:26-29*
- *When we accept this by faith no longer alone.*

# Separated by Time & Distance

- *But you are a elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for (God's) own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 10 who in time past were no people, but suffer now are the people of God: who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 1 Pet 2:9-10*
- I am part of a great eternal purpose and have joined the elite precious children of God great



# What Israel Had we Now Have

- *who are Israelites; whose is **the adoption**, and **the glory**, and **the covenants**, and the **giving of the law**, and **the service** (of God), and **the promises**; 5 whose are **the fathers**, and **of whom is Christ** as concerning the flesh, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen. 6 But (it is) **not as though the word of God hath come to nought**. For they are **not all Israel, that are of Israel**: Rom 9:1-8*
- All of this is now ours

# Our Change – No Longer Alone

- *at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. Eph 2:12-13*
- *Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, Eph 2:19-21*

# Our Family is Vast and Eternal

● *13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them. Heb 11:13-16*

# All who follow Righteousness & Seek the LORD

- *"Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, You who seek the Lord:*
- *Look to the rock from which you were hewn, And to the hole of the pit from which you were dug.*
- *2 Look to Abraham your father, And to Sarah who bore you; For I called him alone, And blessed him and increased him." Isa 51:1-2*
- God ordained(*horizo*) Abraham to be the father of all His people!

# Are you in this Family?

*For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Gal 3:26-29*