

Tuesday

We're Part of the Family

Today's Scripture Matthew 12:49–50

Cheryl from Westchester commented in the New York Times (September 23, 2013) in an article titled WHEN THERE'S NO FAMILY – “The presumption is that everyone has someone available, someone most likely younger or in better health, and better able to carry out one’s wishes or make decisions with your guidance.” The reality is some are extremely lonely and have no one to help. Loneliness is certainly one of the biggest challenges in this life. It is so sad to be alone and with no family.

Consider for a moment what God said in the very beginning when He created Adam, “Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him” (Genesis 2:18). God does not want us to be alone in this life! God created the physical family and spiritual family (The Church) to keep us from experiencing one of the most dreaded experiences in life – LONELINESS.

One of the most beautiful verses found in God’s Word is 1 John 3:1, “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God.” We are family (Ephesians 4:14–19)! A family that looks out for those who truly need companionship (James 1:27).

The blood of Jesus Christ and our obedience to the will of God (1 Peter 1:17–21) secure our place in the family of God. The Family of God (The Church) is a place where we will never have to be lonely again. A place where we can enjoy fellowship, spiritual growth, and family life together. A place where we can join in a common purpose, mission, and ministry to help “all men” (Galatians 6:10).

God wants you to be a part of His family so that you can experience the greatest blessings this life and the one to come will have to offer.

Today, I will...encourage someone who feels lost and alone and include them in my family plans.