

# “FAMILY” SEEKING

We often see the earthly family of Jesus as somewhat special, and yet, the Bible shares that they had to seek Him, even as we do, “And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, ‘Look, Your mother and Your brothers are outside seeking You’” (Mark 3:32). Did you read His response? Do the will of God. Evidently, even His own family could not get past the crowds to see Him. Therefore, information had to be passed to Jesus that His mother and brothers were outside, seeking Him. What they had to do “in the flesh” then, they also had to do “in the spirit” later. Just as we have to do His will in our life now, so did they. They may have been His earthly family, but He was and still is, our Advocate (1 John 2:1) to “the Lord of heaven and Earth” (Matthew 11:25; Luke 10:21; Acts 17:24). Are we seeking “family?”



Who was told  
“Do not look  
at his  
appearance  
or at his  
physical  
stature,  
because I  
have refused  
him. For the  
LORD does  
not see as  
man sees;  
for man  
looks at the  
outward  
appearance,  
but the  
LORD looks  
at the  
heart.” ?

History proceeds...the cross came...then, there was a resurrection!

FOR  
GOD  
SO  
LOVED THE WORLD  
HE  
GAVE  
HIS  
ONLY  
SON

Mary, the mother of Jesus, sat outside the tomb on the first day of the week crying. One of the two angels in white robes sitting there said, “Woman why are you crying?” It is easy to imagine hearing her reply in between sobs of sorrow: “Because they have taken my Lord away, and I do not know where they have laid him” (John 20:13). It is interesting that later, she actually saw Jesus but it was only when her crying ceased. William Barclay wrote, “The simple and poignant fact is that she could not see him through her tears.” Grief has a way of hiding reality from our eyes.

To her credit, her heart was broken. She thought someone had taken His body away. Fresh from the death of her son, the grief and the sorrow was too much for her to bear.

There are many people who seek. They seek peace in their lives. They seek solace from their sins that only Jesus can take away, yet they do not see Him in the Word of God (John 1:14) through their tears. To be sure, there are many, many others who would like to grant help to those seeking, but they offer false hope. Their teachings promise a relationship with the Lord, yet only until it is realized there is no closeness with the Lord in the misguided teachings of men.

Jesus plainly said, “I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me” (John 14:6). If we would “see” Him, sight will only come if we take the right path, and that path does not include accepting the doctrine and practice of religious error. We must “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15).

It is painful to think of how many people are living without Christ in their lives because they cannot see the only way to the Lord through their tears. Please clear your eyes. Kindly and lovingly help others to clear their eyes. Find in the Bible that the only way to redemption is through obedience to the gospel...the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is real! His blood saves our soul. Then, only then, will “tears of joy” fill your eyes. “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7).

Are you seeking “family”?

**To all our visitors:** *Please feel free to participate!*

You should expect to hear singing with voices only, a few “family” announcements, prayers spoken, and see the Lord’s Supper offered, then free-willed giving, and Gospel preaching from the Bible.

Any response is up to you and will be kindly received.

*We are glad you decided to worship God with us!*

**Bday/Anniv Lunch:** 2nd Sunday

**Friday Bible Study:** 7—8PM. God bless your Bible study (2 Timothy 2:15)!

**Wedding Shower:** for Becky Pickle, from 2-4PM at Western Heights (1/26).

**Activity Night:** on Sunday (1/26) after PM service. Bring your own food.

**Texomaland Lectures:** at Howe, (2/9 thru 2/12), see flyer for times & speakers

**Ladies Bible Class:** Pot luck after class & “work day” in the kitchen area & beyond!