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## **THE FAMILY OF CHRIST**

In Mark 3:31-35, we read where Jesus' family wished to speak with Him. When the multitude made those wishes known to Jesus (v. 32), He responded by saying, *"Who is my mother, or my brethren? And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother"* (Mk. 3:33-35). Jesus did not deny that Mary was His physical mother, nor that He had brothers and sisters (Matt. 13:55-56). At this time, He was making the point that those who do His will constitute His family. For the moment, He was involved in teaching and preaching and did not wish to stop. His physical family took a "back-seat" to spreading the gospel

and trying to save the lost. He had taught this to His apostles in Matthew 10:35-37 and demonstrated it on this occasion! The question I wish to ask is: "Would Christ consider us a part of His family?" This is not a theoretical or hypothetical question. There is an answer to this question, and the answer is found in the Bible text of Mark 3:33-35! Put simply, those who do the will of God are the ones considered to be a part of Christ's family! Therefore, are you obedient to the Lord? Being a part of Christ's family requires more than just saying it. In Mark 3, we see that being a part of Christ's family requires more than just "genetics"! Members of Christ's family are there by choice. They have decided to

live by faith and lovingly obey the Lord! Friend, are you a part of Christ's family? If not, repent and render obedience to the Lord so that you can be in His family today (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Heb. 5:9, 11:6). – Jarrod Jacobs **"Keep Your Foot"** *"My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck. My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent." . . . "My son, do not walk in the way with them, Keep your foot from their path."* These are the words of wisdom from Proverbs 1:8-10, 15. Put yourself in the son's shoes. Would you heed the warnings? Put yourself in the father's shoes. Would you be wise enough to give such warnings? There are clearly sinners about us trying to convince us to go in their wicked way. For those who will not keep their foot from the sinner's path, destruction is certain. Today it may be the peer pressure to drink or do drugs. Tomorrow perhaps, they'll want you to engage in destructive mischief of another sort. Whatever the temptation, please, love the

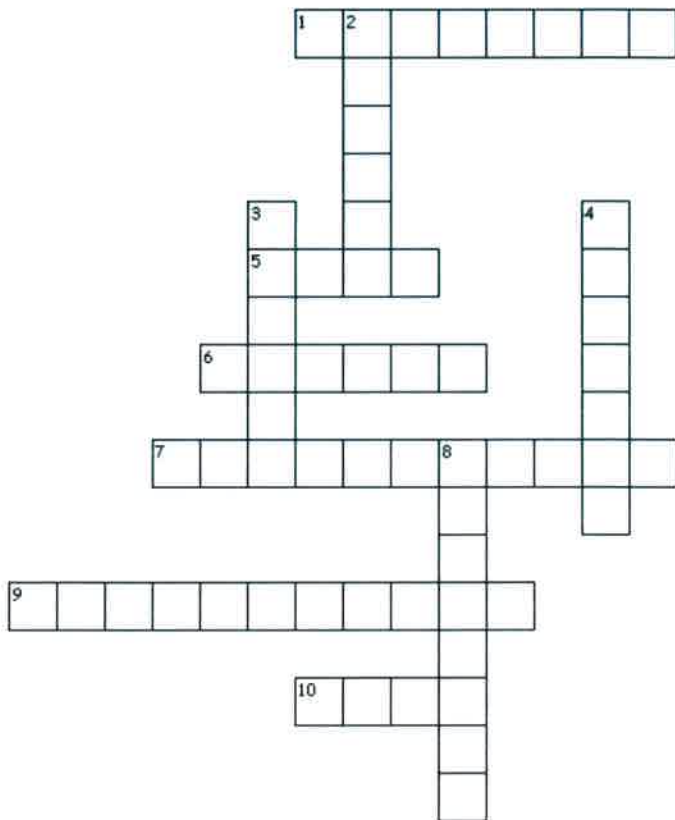
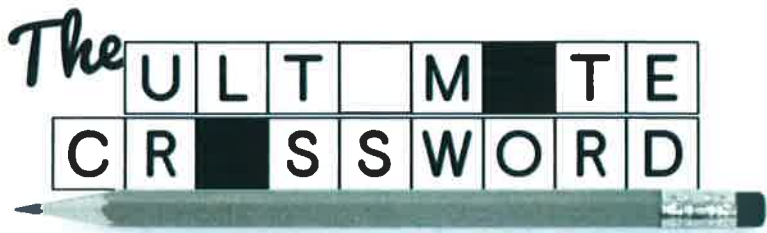
Lord and your soul enough to abstain. How many of us have been given sound advice (like that above) and regretted later having refused it. Let us be wise whether on the giving or receiving end of warnings. Let us be godly, and both do and say the right thing. God help us all to "keep our foot." – David McPherson **"Submit To God. Resist The Devil."** In James 4:7-10, it is written, *"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. {8} Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. {9} Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. {10} Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."* Submit, resist, draw near, purify, lament, mourn, weep, humble yourselves. This is needed exhortation for all people at all times. Oh, the trouble we get ourselves into by failing to respect one or more of these charges! Make a checklist. Each day, ask yourself, "am I submitting to God's will?" "Am I resisting Satan and his evil influence?" "Am I sorry for sin and humbling myself

properly?" When the answer to such questions is an honest "yes," we will be purified, and God will be glorified. That is exactly what God intended for our lives. Those who are chasing the almighty dollar, the next high, wine and women, are caught in the snare of the devil. Dear reader, don't be deceived! Submit to God. Resist the devil. Think! - David

**McPherson A Trip Through**

**The Bible** "Many years ago I entered this wonderful temple called the Bible. I entered at the portico of Genesis, and walked down through the Old Testament art gallery where the pictures of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Isaac, and Daniel hung on the wall. "I passed into the music room of Psalms, where the spirit swept the keyboard of nature and brought forth the dirge-like wail of the weeping prophet Jeremiah to the grand, impassioned strain of Isaiah, until it seemed that every reed and pipe in God's great organ of nature responded to the tuneful harp of David, the sweet singer of Israel. "I entered the chapel of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher was heard, and into the conservatory of Sharon, and the Lily of the

Valley's sweet-scented spices filled and perfumed my life. "I entered the business office of the Proverbs, then into the observatory room of the prophets, where I saw telescopes of various sizes, some pointed to far-off events, but all concentrated on the bright and morning star which was to rise above the moon-lit hills of Judea for our salvation. "I entered the audience room of the King of kings, and caught a vision of His glory from the standpoint of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; passed into the acts of the Apostles, where the Holy Spirit was doing His work in the formation of the infant church. "Then into the correspondence room, where sat Paul, James, John, and Jude, penning their epistles. "I stepped into the throne room of Revelation, where all towered into glittering peaks, and I got a vision of the King sitting upon His throne in all His glory, and I cried: "All hail the power of Jesus' name, Let angels prostrate fall, Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all." - Author Unknown



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1. In Antioch, it was told how God opened a door of faith to \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 14:27)
5. When you \_\_\_\_\_, go in your inner room and close the door. (Mt. 6:6)
6. Two \_\_\_\_\_ pulled Lot back into his house and shut the door. (Gen. 19:10,15)
7. Isaiah sung, "Close the doors behind you until \_\_\_\_\_ passes by." (Is. 26:20)
9. Whoever entered a \_\_\_\_\_ house became unclean until evening. (Lev. 14:46)
10. Once inside the ark, God closed the \_\_\_\_\_ behind them. (Gen. 7:16;6:16)

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ told a widow to shut the door behind her while pouring oil. (2 Kgs. 4:4)
3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ a door no one could shut in Philadelphia. (Rev. 3:8;7)
4. God knew \_\_\_\_\_ would say the wilderness had shut Israel in. (Ex. 14:3)
8. The doors were shut where Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to the disciples. (Jn. 20:19)