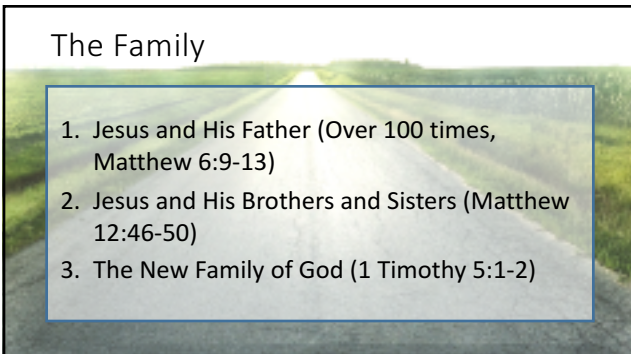
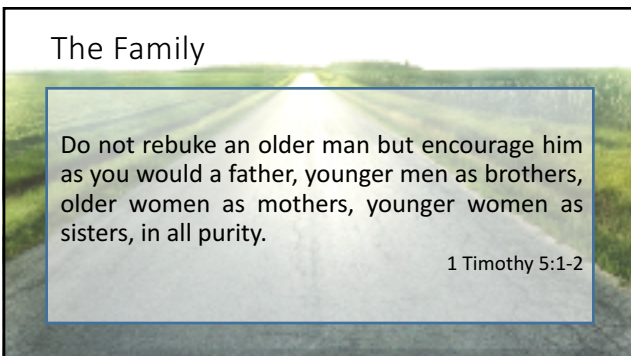


Ecclesiology
The Doctrine of The Church



The Family

1. Jesus and His Father (Over 100 times, Matthew 6:9-13)
2. Jesus and His Brothers and Sisters (Matthew 12:46-50)
3. The New Family of God (1 Timothy 5:1-2)



The Family

Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.

1 Timothy 5:1-2

The Family

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit – a just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:1-4

Preview

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Family History

Family History

Birth of the Church (30 or 33 AD)

- Death and Resurrection of Christ
- Pentecost - 50 Days after resurrection
- 3000 Believe in one Day (Acts 2)

Family History

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47

Family History

Apostolic Age (30-100 AD)

- From Pentecost to the Death of John
- Fire destroys Rome (64 AD)
- Titus Destroys the Temple (70 AD)
- Age of Proclamation and Persecution

Family History

Apostles to Council of Nicaea (100-325 AD)

- First Generation After Apostles. Church Fathers: Justin Martyr, Polycarp, Irenaeus
- *Pax Romana* makes Christianity Illegal
- Age Persecution and Protection of the Faith

Family History

Council of Nicaea to the Fall of the Roman Empire (325-590 AD)

- Edict of Milan (313 AD)
- Council of Nicaea (325 AD)
- Council of Chalcedon (451 AD)
- Age of Discovery of Doctrine

Family History

Medieval Church and Scholasticism (590-1517 AD)

- Age of power without persecution
- Schisms, crusades, and corruption from within the Church
- Tradition trumping Scriptures
- Foundation laid for Reformation
- Printing Press (1456)

Family History

The Reformation (1517-1648 AD)

- Age of Power of People
- Luther's 95 Theses (1517 AD)
- Diet of Worms (1521 AD)
- Calvin's Institutes (1536 AD)

Family History

The Enlightenment Church (1648-1789 AD)

- Age of Spirituality replaced by science
- Shift in how we understand authority, knowledge, man
- John Bunyan's *The Pilgrims Progress* (1678 AD)
- Great Awakening in America (1730 AD)

Family History

The Modern Church (1789-1970 AD)

- Age of Culture effecting Church
- Modern Mission Movement

Family History

The Post Modern Church? (1970 – Now)

- Age of relative truth
- Age entrusted to us

Family History

30 or 33	30-100	100-325	325-590	590-1517	1517-1648	1648-1789	1789-1970	1970- Now
Birth of the Church	Apostolic Age	Apostles to Council of Nicaea	Council of Nicaea to Fall of Rome	Medieval Church and Scholasticism	The Reformation	The Enlightenment	Modern Church	Postmodern Church
Pentecost	Proclamation & Persecution	Persecution & Protection of Faith	Discovery of Doctrine	Power without Persecution	Power of People	Spirituality replaced by Science	Culture effecting Church	Relative Truth

Family Traits

Family Traits: Marks

- 1. Orthodoxy
- 2. Order
- 3. Ordinances

Family Traits: Marks

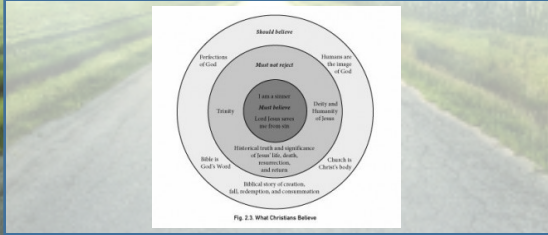
Orthodoxy – Teachings of the Church

- “That Faith which has been believed everywhere, always, by all” – Vincent of Lerins
- The Church consistently teaches the core beliefs of the faith.

Family Traits: Marks



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Family Traits: Marks

- Order**
- Elders, Deacons (1 Timothy 3)
 - Church Discipline (Matthew 18)

Family Traits: Marks

- Ordinances**
- Baptism – One time remembrance of Christ death and resurrection (Romans 6:1-4)
 - Lord's Supper – Ongoing remembrance of Christ death and resurrection (Luke 22:7-23)

Family Traits: Mission

1. Exultation – to the Lord
2. Edification – to the Church
3. Evangelism – to the World

Family Traits: Mission

Exultation – to the Lord

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2

Family Traits: Mission

Edification – to the Church

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:19-25

Family Traits: Mission

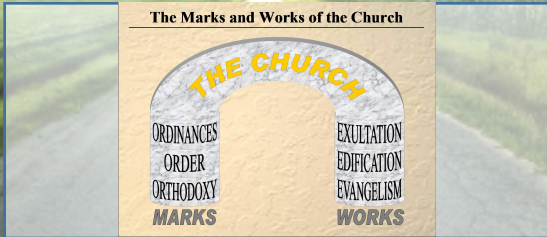
Evangelism – to the World

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they *worshiped* him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. *Go* therefore and *make disciples* of all nations, *baptizing* them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, *teaching* them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:16-20

Family Traits: Marks & Mission

The Marks and Works of the Church



Family Relatives

Family Relatives: Parachurch

- 1. A parachurch is a Christian organization focused on a specific aspect of ministry that is outside the authority of a local church.
- 2. YoungLife, CRU, Seminaries, Mission Organizations, ext.
- 3. Focus must be to connect and aiding the local church, not siloed against it

Family Fakes

Family Fakes

- 1. Compare to the Marks and Mission of the true Church.
- 2. The "Church" of Jesus Christ and Later Day Saints – Do not believe in Orthodox Trinity, Christology, or salvation.
- 3. Jehovah Witness – Do not believe in the eternality or equality of the Son to the Father. Jesus was the first created being.
