

THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE
Or, The Forty Weeks of Purpose
A Sermon Series Based on the Book by Rick Warren
Message Sixteen (Week Fifteen): Formed for God's Family
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INTRODUCTION:

God didn't *need* a family; He *desired* one.

Every human being was *created* by God, but not everyone is a *child* of God.

Key Text: Heb. 2:10:

PROPOSITION: There are three things you need to know about being a part of God's "family."

I. BENEFITS: ENJOYING GOD'S FAMILY.

A. We Receive Christ's Inheritance.

- 1 John 3:1.
- Gal. 4:7.
- Phil. 4:19.
- Eph. 1:7.
- Eph. 1:18.
 1. We get to be with God forever. 1 Thes. 5:10.
 2. We will be completely changed to be like Christ. 1 John 3:2.
 3. We will be freed from all pain, death, and suffering. Rev. 21:4.
 4. We will be rewarded and reassigned positions of service. Mark 9:41
 5. We will get to share in Christ's glory. Rom. 8:17.

B. We Receive Christ's *Identity*.

C. We Receive Christ's *Intercession*.

II. BAPTISM: EMBRACING GOD'S FAMILY.

A. Note the *Imperative* of Baptism. Matt. 28:19.

B. Note the *Importance* of Baptism.

C. Note the *Implication* of Baptism. 1 Cor. 12:13.

III. BLISS: EXPERIENCING GOD'S FAMILY.

A. Jesus' Family is His *Pride*. Heb. 2:11.

B. Jesus' Family is His *Pleasure*. Matt. 12:49, 50.

APPLICATION:

Point to Ponder: I was formed for God's family.

Question to Consider: How can I start treating other believers like members of my own family?