Hello, and welcome! We're glad that you were able to come and join our little gathering. Please, relax. Don't be afraid to mingle and talk with the FAMILY. <Ha Ha> No, we're not all related like you might think. Just think of us as being a family of "blood brothers." Well, we don't want you to be a stranger, so let me take time to

# INTRODUCE YOU TO THE FAMILY

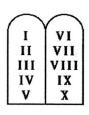
First of all, none of this would be possible if it were not for our **FATHER**. He is the most loving one that you will ever get to know. He loves everybody. He loves the whole world! He's ready at any time to come to the rescue of a lost and dying soul. All that anyone ever needs to do is call out to Him, and He will be there in an instant! If you do, He will literally adopt you into the family. You would be one of His little babies.

When we were babes, we learned to call him "Abba"—just our way of saying "Daddy." Hey, think of it—if you asked Him to, He could be your Abba Father too! I guess I should tell you that He doesn't like it when His children do wrong, but He will never leave us and He won't forsake us! Believe me: the only way

you could ever leave the protection of His hand is if you listen to the lies of some DEVIL and walk away from the Father. Even then, the Father would still love you, and all you would have to do is just come back to Him, and He would put a ring on your finger and a robe over your shoulders and would welcome you back to the family.

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Now, let me introduce you to the LIFE of this party. His name is **JESUS!** Jesus is the only begotten Son of the Father (remember, we were all adopted, or born again). Jesus is the man who introduced all of us to the Father. We were all in big trouble before Jesus came. Thank goodness



he found us! You may not know it, but there are <u>laws</u> around here that everyone has broken, and even if a person doesn't

know that he or she has committed the crime, every person is sentenced to the death penalty!! Seeing that all of us (you included) were in such a mess, the Father sent Jesus to suffer the death penalty for us. Did you hear me? Jesus died for you and me! Don't worry though—God the Father raised him from the dead. Jesus is alive! So what's that mean, you ask? Well, if you ask Jesus to save you, he will tell the Father, and the Father will

forgive you and forget the fact that you have committed any crimes. Do you understand how that works now? We love Jesus so much for taking our punishment. Jesus is our Saviour!

The last person that I'm going to introduce you to is the **Holy Ghost**.

Don't expect
him to sneak
up and say
"Boo!"
He's
really
very
nice.

Jesus sent him to us to help us whenever we try to do something for the Father. He is our Comforter, and he will teach us everything we need to know. He gives us gifts we can use, too! The Spirit (as some people like to call him) can give us a word of wisdom or a word of knowledge. He can give us added faith. He can even make it where we can heal sick people! With the Spirit, miracles are always possible! Prophesy and discernment (that's like a sixth sense) are gifts too. The Holy Ghost can even make us able to speak in other languages! I'm not kidding. After you have met the Father through Jesus, you can get to know the Holy Ghost as much as you like. You might get to know him only a little bit at first, but there is no reason why you can't get

to know him more later. After all, he will be around forever!

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I can't take time to introduce you to the rest of the family. There are lots of family members all over the world! If you want to meet them, you could start by going to a church in your community. That's where we get together to worship the Father, thank Jesus for saving us, and learn more about the Holy Ghost. We also learn how to do what God the Father wants us to do so we won't be breaking his laws all the time. I must admit. sometimes we all make mistakes, but IF we sin, Jesus can get us out of trouble again! If you have any questions about the Father, the Son, or the Holy Ghost, you should be able to ask anyone at church, and they should be able to help you. There are a lot of churches, and different ones do these same things in different ways. Be sure when you go to a church that they teach about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost (or Holy Spirit), and MAKE SURE that they believe that Jesus died to save sinners. If the people believe these things, then it really doesn't matter what kind of church it is-Baptist, Methodist. Pentecostal, Church of God, or whatever.

# The Bible!

Blood brothers.....Revelation 7:13-15 Stranger.....Ephesians 2:12

### **FATHER**

Father......Matthew 6:9-13 Loves/world......John 3:16 Call out to Him.....Romans 10:13 Adopt......Romans 8:15 Babies......I-Corinthians 3:1 Abba Father.....Romans 8:15 Leave/forsake.....Hebrews 13:5 Protection/hand.....John 10:29 Walk away.....John 6:66-67 Come back.....Luke 15:18-24

### **JESUS**

LIFE.....John 14:6 Name is Jesus.....Matthew 1:21 Only begotten Son.....John 3:16 Born again.....John 3:3 Laws.....Romans 3:19-20 Everyone/broken.....Romans 3:23 Sentenced.....John 3:18 Death penalty.....Romans 6:23 Father sent Jesus......I-John 4:14 Jesus died......I-Corinthians 15:3 God/raised him.....II-Timothy 2:8 Jesus is alive!.....Revelation 1:18 Tell the Father.....I-Timothy 2:5 Forgive/crimes.....l-John 1:9 Forget/crimes.....Psalms 103:12 Jesus is our Saviour!.....John 4:42

# **HOLY GHOST**

Holy Ghost.....Luke 3:16
Jesus sent him.....John 15:26
Comforter.....John 14:26
Gifts......I-Corinthians 12:1,4,8-11
Heal sick.....James 5:14-15
Other languages.....Mark 16:17
Forever.....John 14:16

# THE CHURCH

All over the world.....Mark 16:15
Church.....Matthew 16:18
Get together.....Hebrews 10:25
Worship the Father.....John 4:23
Learn/to do.....James 1:22
IF we sin.....I-John 2:1
A lot of churches.....I-Corinthians 12:5
Save sinnners.....I-Timothy 1:15

Do you BELIEVE what you have just read? Do you understand that you have broken God's laws. and you are therefore a sinner? What do you think would happen to you if you died today? The Bible says that "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement" (Hebrews 9:27). When a person dies, the next thing that they are aware of is that they are standing in God's courtroom being judged for their crimes! The only way to escape punishment is to prau to God, tell him that you are sorry and that you want Jesus to be your saviour. When you do this, God will forgive you, and Jesus will write down your name in the Book of Life. When YOU die. God will see that your name is written in the Book of Life, and he will find you NOT GUILTY! It's such a simple thing to do. Won't you ask Him to save you TODAY?

If you have any questions, or if you would just like to tell me that you have decided to ask God to save you, please write to me, "Brother David," at:

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