

Disciples Of Christ Jesus Family month 2020!

### **What does it mean to be family?**

I'm of the persuasion that blood may make folks kin, and relatives, but it is serving one another that makes them family. Family is defined as "a basic social unit consisting of parents and their children, considered as a group, whether dwelling together or not:"

The word origin of family breaks down to "servants".

ORIGIN OF FAMILY: First recorded in 1350–1400; Middle English *familie*, from Latin *familia* "a household, the slaves of a household, domestics" equivalent to *famul(us)* "attendant, servant, slave" + *-ia* noun suffix; see [-y3](#)

While there maybe several positions within a family unit; husband, wife, & children, generally speaking, it is interesting to me that the word family is rooted in the word servant. The scripture has lots to say about servants, here are a few examples.

Matthew 23:11 King James Version

**11** But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

Matthew 25:21 King James Version

**21** His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Galatians 5:13 King James Version

<sup>13</sup> For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Obviously, we are to fully become servants of the Lord Jesus Christ first, and in doing so we are called to serve one another in love. Prove to the ones that you say that you love and refer to as "family" by serving God first and serving them in love.