

DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN... THE FAMILY OF GOD VS. FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

A. SEEING THE DIFFERENCES

1. Regarding TIME

- a. The family of God is entered at a _____ in _____ when you are _____
_____. (John 1:12-13, 3:1-18; 1 John 3:2)
- b. Fellowship is enjoyed in the _____ if a believer _____ in the _____.
(1 John 1:3-7)

2. Regarding WHO

- a. Being in the family of God is true of _____ genuine believers in Christ. (Gal. 3:26; 1 John 5:1)
- b. Having fellowship with God is _____ of all believers in Christ...notice the conditional word "*if*." (1 John 1:5-10)

3. Regarding FORGIVENESS of sins

- a. In the family of God, sins are _____ / _____ forgiven. (Rom. 3:24-25; 5:8-9; Eph. 1:7; Col. 2:13; 1 John 2:12)
- b. To enjoy fellowship, a believer's sins must be _____ forgiven on a regular basis. (1 John 1:9)

4. Regarding REQUIREMENTS of the Believer

- a. To be in the family of God, _____ is required. (John 1:12; Gal. 3:26)

- b. To have fellowship with God, _____ and _____ of _____ are required. (1 John 1:9); Heb. 11:6)

5. Regarding EVIDENCES

- a. Being born again is evidenced by a _____ (2 Pet. 1:3-4), by God's _____ (Heb. 12:6-8), and by the believer becoming a _____ in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17).

- b. Fellowship with God is evidenced by _____ to God's will (1 John 2:3-6), and _____ for other believers (1 John 2:7-11).

B. SEEING BOTH SIDES...

* Old Testament- King David (2 Sam. 12:9-13; Ps. 51)

* New Testament- The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

C. SEEING THE SIMILARITIES

1. It's all by God's _____.

2. It's all due to _____.

3. It's enjoyed through faith in _____.