

Always Family



When we are born, we are born into a family – we don't have any choice in the matter. We all have a biological mother and father and, whether we like it or not, they will always be our biological parents. We may also have biological sisters, brothers, uncles and aunties. Some may not know who they are, some will wish they didn't know and change their name and end all contact. However, the fact remains we were born into that family and nothing we can do will ever change that.

As Christians we are 'born again' into the Royal Family of God (through faith in Christ). We did nothing to earn our place in God's family and we can do nothing to change it. As soon as we believe in Christ, our names are placed in the 'Book of Life'. Once born into God's family, nothing can remove us – not even ourselves. We may disown God. We may turn our backs on Him and never talk (pray) to Him. We may even tell everyone we're not a Christian, but it does not change the fact: Once a Family member, always a Family member. We did nothing to earn salvation and we can do nothing to lose salvation.

In Heaven, there will be many surprised people in the Royal Family of God. They will be eternally thankful that at one point in their life they believed in Jesus Christ and God immediately adopted them as joint heirs with Christ, sharing all His riches and privileges – and nothing they did thereafter could ever change that fact. (Rom 8:16-17)