

into his family. We are adopted children of God. We found in Eph. 1 that God has chosen us before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. God chose us; Jesus Christ redeemed us. Verse 17 says, In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sin according to the riches of His grace."

Now then as a result of God's adoption, if we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ we are members of one family. We are members of the family of God. I believe it's very important that we realize that great fact. We are members of the family of God and God is our father. He is not a human father who makes bad mistakes and blunders, and who may even neglect us and injure us. He is a Father whom we can completely trust. He is a Father who represents all the best we will find in a human father and much more beyond.

So our family should endeavor to be a reflection of the family of God. An imitation of it. We cannot expect that it will attain to all the perfection that God desires. We cannot do that in this life. We strive toward that. One thing that irritates me is the way that all people --myself included-- feel how important they are --I'm so much better than that person! I don't quite come up to that one. I'm afraid he's stronger than I am. He'll beat me. He's a bit brighter than I am." I think sometimes if we would imagine God's standard as being the ceiling there, all of us are about a foot and a half from the floor. If some of us are a few centimeters higher or lower, what difference does it make. How easy it is for us to get excited about our particular position. We can trust our Father God. We can trust Him in a way we can trust no earthly Father because every earthly father makes mistakes in