

A physician said to me once what I think was a greatly exaggerated statement but had a lot of truth to it. He said, Nine tenths of the physical miseries people suffer are psychosomatic. That is, they are the result of your emotions, your worry, your fear. A Christian has no right to have the emotions--that is he should not, we all do but logically we shouldn't, and the more we learn to trust God the less we will have the emotions of fear, of anxiety, of anger. How often our bitterness, our anger at what someone else has done gets into our minds and into our spirit and it does far more harm to us than it does to anyone else.

God has a purpose in all that happens and He wants us to learn to him. We can trust our Father. But now he says, The whole family in heaven ~~xx~~ and earth is named. The whole family. There is one family. I said a few moments ago there were two! You see how a person contradicts himself! I said there were two. There are. There's the family of ~~x~~ the devil; there's the family of the Lord. You can't always be sure just who is in each family. You can know if you are. If you are not sure if you have believed in Christ for salvation, you can turn to Him right now and sincerely say, Lord Jesus Christ, I'm a lost miserable sinner, come into my heart and save me. Only to your cross I cling and you can be saved.

But you can't tell whether if somebody else says that whether he's sincere or not. You don't know. So I say that as far as anybody's salvation is concerned, there are two that know: the person themselves and God. Other people can be very mistaken in their judgment. But if you belong to the family of God, if you have been saved, I think God wants you to recognize that it is one family of God.

Both statements are true. There are two families: the family of the devil and the family of God, but there's one family the family of God. The whole family to which he refers, and God wants us to realize that the difference between anyone who truly believes in Christ and one who is outside the family of God is far greater than any difference between two sincere Christians! Far greater. But how ready we are to get terribly excited about points on which equally earnest Christians differ. How ready we are.

God wants us to search out these ~~xxxx~~ points. He wants us to study the Word and to see if we can what is taught there, but I think many of us make the great mistake in that we go to the Bible with two questions. Does the Bible teach this or does it teach the opposite? And we shouldn't. We should go with three questions: Does the Bible teach this, or does it teach the opposite, or does it not give us an answer to this particular question. I think God wants us always to go slow about being dogmatic about points on which other Christians differ from us.

Study and try to find out what God's truth is for you on these points, but on points on which earnest sincere Christians differ God wants us to remember that we are members of one family and He wants us to love one another. How often John emphasized that.