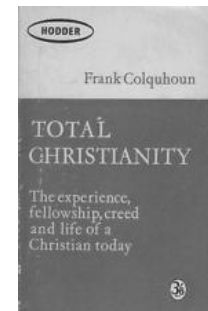


God Delights In  
Community

The fellowship of the church is part of God's good news to men. It imparts to the gospel one of its most thrilling notes- that when Christ saves a man he not only saves him from his sin, he saves him from his solitude.

– Frank Colquhoun



## Revelation 5:1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

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And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood **you ransomed people for God** from every **tribe** and **language** and people and **nation**, and you have **made them a kingdom and priests** to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

## Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at **the name of Jesus every knee** should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and **every tongue** confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



## Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them,  
“All authority in heaven and on earth  
has been given to me. Go therefore  
and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the  
Father and of the Son and of the Holy  
Spirit, teaching them to observe all  
that I have commanded you. And  
behold, I am with you always, to the  
end of the age.”

All authority. He has authority over Satan and all demons, over all angels -good and evil - over the natural universe, natural objects and laws and forces: stars, galaxies, planets, meteorites; authority over all weather systems: winds, rains, lightning, thunder, hurricanes, tornadoes, monsoons, typhoons, cyclones; authority over all their effects: tidal waves, floods, fires; authority over all molecular and atomic reality: atoms, electrons, protons, neutrons, undiscovered subatomic particles, quantum physics, genetic structures, DNA, chromosomes; authority over all plants and animals great and small:

whales and redwoods, giant squid and giant oaks,  
all fish, all wild beasts, all invisible animals and  
plants: bacteria, viruses, parasites, germs;  
authority over all the parts and functions of the  
human body: every beat of the heart, every breath  
of the diaphragm, every electrical jump across a  
million synapses in our brains; authority over all  
nations and governments: congresses and  
legislatures and presidents and kings and premiers  
and courts; authority over all armies and weapons  
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authority over all industry and business and finance and currency; authority over all entertainment and amusement and leisure and media; over all education and research and science and discovery; authority over all crime and violence; over all families and neighborhoods; and over the church, and over every soul and every moment of every life that has been or ever will be lived.

- John Piper



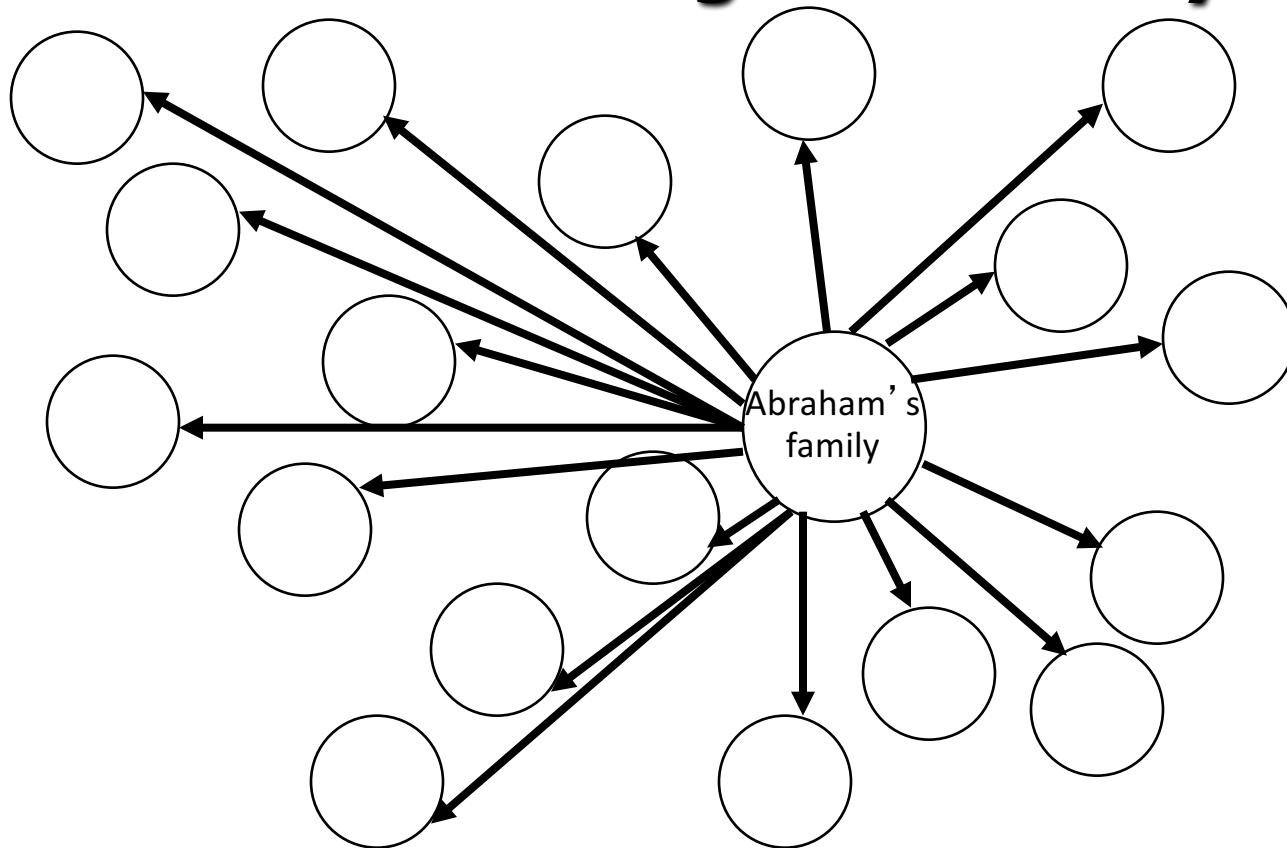
## Psalm 2:7-9

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and **I will make the nations your heritage**, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

## Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. **And I will make of you a great nation**, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and **in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**”

# The Families Of The Earth Blessed Through One Family



John 3:35

The **Father loves the Son** and has given all things into his hand.

Isaiah 42:1

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, **in whom my soul delights**

John 17:24

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me **because you loved me before the foundation of the world**



John 17:5

And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

v. 22-23

The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me

v. 24

Father, **I desire** that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

I've heard it said among believers: 'God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life.' I suppose it would be much more appropriate to say it this way: 'God loves His Son and has a wonderful plan for Him, to bring all the nations to His feet as Lord of all, and He loves you and me enough to give us a place in it.'"

- David Bryant

