

The Local Assembly as an Expression of the Whole – Be What You Are!

The Family

Invisible Aspect

- Past
 - The one **body** that never dies
 - The one lampstand that never dims
- Present
 - The one **building** that is never destroyed
 - The one garden that never decays
 - The one **family** that is never divided
 - The one **flock** that never disperses
- Future
 - The one bride that is never divorced

Visible Aspect

- Present
 - The building that's ordered
 - The family that loves
 - The flock that hears
 - The body that's one

The Family

- Being assembled by birth it cannot be divided
 - John 3:1-18
- Made sons in the family
 - John 1:11-13
- An incorruptible seed
 - 1 Peter 1:23-25
- Ephesians 2:19 – ye are...the household of God
 - The hope of the church – heavenly

Key Points

- The creator
- The controller
- The character
- The commission
- The crown

Family Creator

- Romans 8:12-18
 - The Spirit bears witness
- Galatians 3:26-4:7
 - By faith
- Ephesians 2:1-19
 - By one Spirit

Family Controller

- Galatians 4:6
 - God...Abba, Father
- Ephesians 3:14-15
 - Father... of whom whole family...named
- Ephesians 2:18-19
 - Access ...unto the Father
 - ...the household of God
- Romans 8:14-16
 - Sons of God...we cry Abba, Father
- 1 John 4:4
 - Of God

Family Character

- Galatians 4:5
 - Sonship
- Galatians 4:7
 - Heirs
- Ephesians 2:10
 - Fellow citizens
- Galatians 4:21-31
 - Free
 - Brethren

Family Commission

- 1 Peter 2:2, Hebrews 5:12-14
 - Desire the Word
- 1 John 3:9
 - No practice of sin
- 1 John 5:2-3
 - Love God
 - Keep His commandments
- 1 John 3:10-12, 18
 - Love one another
 - Love in deed and truth
- 1 John 5:4
 - Overcomes the world

Family Crown

- Romans 8:17
 - Heirs of God, joint heirs with Christ
 - Glorified with Him
- Ephesians 2:6-7
 - Exceeding riches of His grace

The Key

- The family
 - A model
 - 1 Timothy 3:4-5, 12
 - Its order
 - Its love
 - Its relationships
 - Its desires
 - Its practices