

# “We Are Family”



Before I became a Christian I loved listening to pop music, along with classical and other types of music. Now I hear all you young people say pop music – what is that? I will leave you to do what you do best and let you google it to find out what I mean by pop music.

You may also want to search the title of this article - a song released in 1979 by a group called Sister Sledge.

Why have I called my article ‘We are family’ and what has this got to do with Christianity? Let me give you some background.

I recently had the opportunity to mix with other Christians in a different environment to what I am normally comfortable with. When I entered the building I could see other Christians starting to approach my sister and myself to greet us. However, a well-known person entered the building, the greeting was diverted to the well-known person, and we were forgotten about.



This made me think of what it says in the Bible about church family. In Ephesians 2: 19-22 we are reminded that we are no longer strangers and aliens, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. We are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus being the cornerstone. We are joined together and grow into a Holy Temple in the Lord. If God can take lowly sinful people like me and make me a fellow citizen with the saints, should we not apply the same fellowship to other Christians and non-believers no matter what their status in the world?

Our fallen human nature often sends us towards people who are recognised in the world as having the WOW factor, and because that fallen nature is still in us we sometimes incline towards the way of the world, instead of focussing on our Saviour and the compassion He has shown us in our salvation.



Perhaps next time you are in Church, at a meeting, or on the street you will take a minute to think about how our Saviour has treated us. Hopefully you will greet your fellow brother or sister or any non-believer present no matter what their status in the world with the warm, loving welcome which we received from Christ on the day that He saved us from Hell.