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THE FAMILY OF GOD

In Mark 3:31-35 we see that the mother of Jesus and Jesus' half brothers (James, Joses, Simon, and Judas as seen in Matt. 13:55) had come asking his disciples for permission to see Jesus. He addressed those who were sitting around him, and raised the question as to who his real family was in verse 33. He said to the group (my paraphrase of verses 34-35), ***“Look, do you think you see my real mother and my brothers? But truly, whosoever shall do the will of my Father God, those are the ones who are my family.”***

What is the will of the Father? That we should believe upon the chosen one sent by God, our Father, who died on the cross and was resurrected to give us a pardon and new life.

This belief brings us into the family relationship with Jesus and our heavenly Father. As Jesus is God the Father's heir to all things, so we, as his sisters and brothers, become joint heirs with Jesus to all things of heaven and earth throughout eternity.

This is also why we, as believers, address each other as brother or sister because all believers are part of the family of God.