

*"God sets the solitary in families."
Psalm 68:6*

Three Things Families Do

1. We _____ to our _____ for one another. (25)

"Brothers, pray for us.

2. We _____ for one another. (26)

"Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss."

What is the point of the kiss? _____

3. We _____ to our _____. (27)

"I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers."

"The message of the gospel is an open secret."

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"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you." (28)

Meant for More

Christians are described as *"loved by God"* (1:4), *"chosen"* (1:4), *"destined"* (3:3, 5:9), and *"called"* (2:12, 5:24). In Jesus, we experience the *"will of God"* (4:3, 5:18).

We are delivered from the false, random worship of man-made idols (1:9) into a divinely designed family, *"to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come"* (1:9-10).

God is setting us apart from sinful patterns so that we can *"increase and abound in love for one another"* (3:12). We are encouraged to do this *"more and more"* (4:10).

We are actually meant for more! *"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing"* (5:11).

God's Spirit has spoken to me from 1 Thessalonians:
