

Lesson 4

GOD'S CALLED-OUT ASSEMBLY
THE CHURCH

Church Members Were Called "Brethren"

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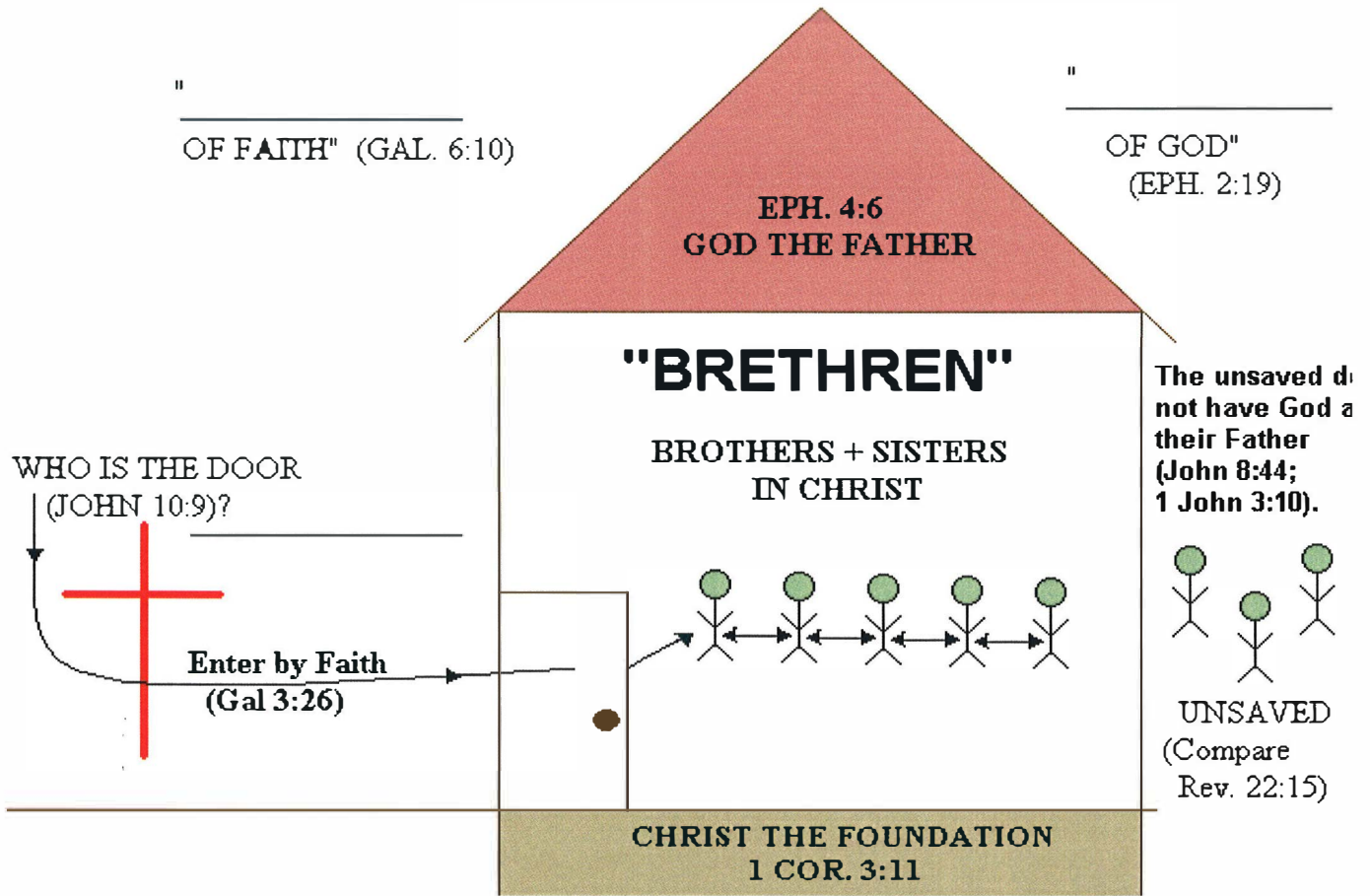
According to Galatians 1:2 and 1 Thessalonians 5:25-27, what were the members of the Church called? _____ The word "**brethren**" means "**brothers**." For example, how many brethren (brothers) did the Lord Jesus have (Mark 6:3)? _____ These were actually the Lord's half-brothers because they had the same mother but a different father. Who was their mother (Mark 6:3)? _____ Who was the father of James, Joseph, Judas (Jude) and Simon (Luke 2:4)? _____ Who **is** and Who **always was** the **Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:3; Matt 3:17)? _____

God's Word tells us that as members of the Church we are brethren (brothers), one with another. We are all part of the same family. After Paul (Saul) was saved what did Ananias call him (Acts 9:17)? _____

As believers in Christ we have all been **born again** (John 3:3,7). We have all been born into the same **family** and now we are all the _____ (1 John 3:2; John 1:12). As members of this special **family**, how many **fathers** do we have (Eph. 4:6)? _____ How can we enter into this wonderful family relationship? See Galatians 3:26 and circle the correct answer:

- a) By baptism
- b) By works and good deeds
- c) By faith (receiving God's Word gladly)
- d) By having Christian parents

See the illustration on the following page:



Are you glad that you are part of the family of God?

What should our attitude be towards our brothers and sisters in Christ (1 John 3:14)?

If something goes wrong between you and another member of your spiritual family, and this other person admits that he did something wrong to you, what should you do (Ephesians 4:32)?

How can a person know that he has been born again? What must a person do in order to be born into God's family (John 1:12)?

_____ Have you done this? When a person receives Christ, does he become a child of God (John 1:12)? _____

If a person is not a child of God, then what is he (1 John 3:10)?

_____ If a person is in the wrong family, does he have to stay there or is there a way out (Acts 26:18; John 5:24)?
