

God Wants a Family

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Sing along with As You Go @ https://static.wixstatic.com/mp3/055bba_22f55b6b384f4e56b8f107bb383646cf.mp3

CHORUS

G Cmaj7/G D Dsus2/A D Cmaj7/G
God wants a family.

G Cmaj7/G D Dsus4 D
He made you and me.

C Em7 Am7 D
Jesus opens up the door,

Dsus2/A D Dsus4 D C
And He brings us in.

Em7 Am7 D
This is what we are aching for.

[Tag after the last chorus]

Cmaj7/G C D
The riches of God invade our hearts;

The family made whole;
The table is laid, come and shake off the cold.

Cadd9 G Cadd9 G
God Almighty hung out His Master Artist shingle;

Am7 F#sus2add#9 D
Went to work crafting a home;

Cmaj7/G G
Bathed in water, moon and star shine;

Cmaj7/G G
Each leaf painted in its time;

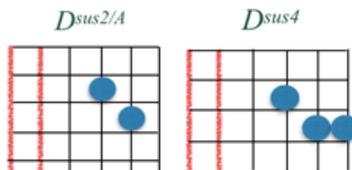
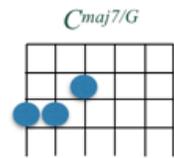
Cmaj7/G Am7 D
Mountains climb through kaleidoscopic skies;

Cmaj7/G C D
Cerulean seas lap the shores;

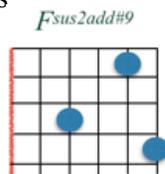
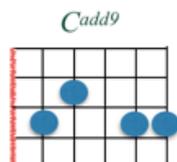
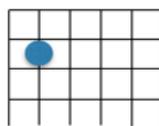
CHORUS

Cadd9 G Cadd9 G
God Almighty carefully and wonderfully makes us;

Am7 F#sus2add#9 D
Presents us to the rest of the clan.



Play not upon the reddened strings.



Cmaj7/G G
Places us in His masterpiece;

Cmaj7/G G
To cherish and to savor it;

Cmaj7/G Am7 D
Living sculptures of our God.

Cmaj7/G C D
The riches of God invade our hearts.

CHORUS

Cadd9 G Cadd9 G
God Almighty joined us, walking in the garden;

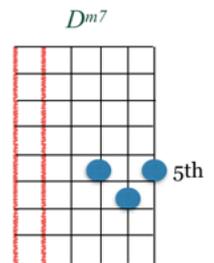
Am7 F#sus2add#9 D
Gazing on His work with human eyes.

Cmaj7/G G
The Sculptor became the masterpiece;

Cmaj7/G G
Light blazing through the darkness;

Cmaj7/G Am7 D
Our Shepherd, Messiah, Immanuel!

Cmaj7/G C D
The family made whole.



BRIDGE

Dm7 G C Cwalk (= C Em7 Am7)
Father placed an open door;

Dm7 G C Cwalk
Made it easy to find, simple to walk through;

Dm7 G C Cwalk
Into His open arms and family;

F Em7 Dm7 G7
Surrounded by the heady scent of home;

F Dm7 G
The table is laid, come and shake off the cold.

INSTRUMENTAL Cadd9 G (back and forth)

CHORUS

Scripture

John 1:1-18 In the beginning* was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God.

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"

From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

Hebrews 2:9-13 but we do see Jesus "crowned with glory and honor" because he suffered death, he who "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers," saying: "I will proclaim your name to my brothers, in the midst of the assembly I will praise you"; and again: "I will put my trust in him"; and again: "Behold, I and the children God has given me."

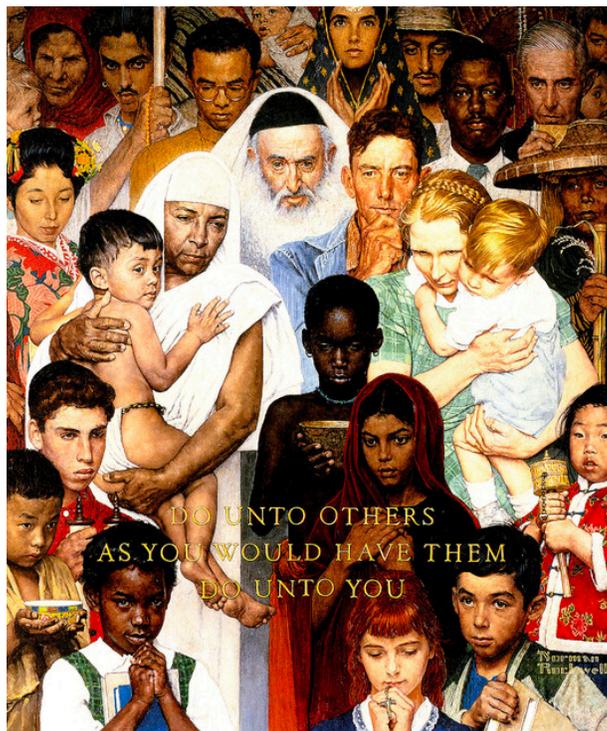
Ephesians 1:3-6 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.

Galatians 3:23-29 Before faith came, we were held in custody under law, confined for the faith that was to be revealed. Consequently, the law was our disciplinarian for Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a disciplinarian. For through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew

nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendant, heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 4:4-7 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption. As proof that you are children, God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Matthew 12:48-50 But he [*Jesus*] said in reply to the one who told him, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?” And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother.”



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