

Well, I haven't the time or space to tell you **all** of the advantages of being in God's family, but I can tell you about a couple.

First, and maybe the most important for you at this moment, is that members of God's family receive forgiveness of their sins. And that's a big deal.

You may not realize it, but because you are a member of the human race, you are a sinner and under God's judgment. The Bible describes all of us like this, **"...all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."** (Romans 3:23) That may not bother you until you find out what God has in store for those who have sinned—**"the wages of sin**

is death." (Romans 6:23A) That's an eternity in a place of torment called Hell.

That makes God's forgiveness of sin something to get no matter how much it costs.

Second, after your life ends on this earth, as a member of God's family, you will get to spend eternity with God in Heaven.

Let me remind you, the alternative is not something you would look forward to. The Bible describes it as an eternity apart from God, a place of everlasting torment.

Interested in the alternative to Heaven?

Of course not. You want to have an eternity of peace, after this life of

benefactors were generous people. Unfortunately, if you are not a close member of my family, all of this is of no benefit to you.

Fortunately, I know a family which can offer you more than a college degree.

Of course, you have to be a member of the family to receive its benefits.

The wonderful thing is that anyone can be a member of the family, through adoption.

I'm referring to the family of God. Anyone who wants to be a member of His family can be.

You may be asking yourself, "Why should I become a member of God's family? What's in it for me?"

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So, you may be asking, "How do I get adopted into God's family?"

Fortunately for you, someone died so that you can become a member of God's family.

God sent His son, Jesus Christ, to do just that.

The Bible says, **"But as many as received him, [that's Jesus] to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."** (John 1:12)

Sound too simple? Well, it was not simple for Jesus who suffered for your sins, but it really is simple for you. **"...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..."** (Acts 16:31)

I have not done anything to deserve this blessing; nonetheless, I'm a beneficiary of their labors and generosity.

I suspect that my benefactors had no idea that they would be furthering my education.

As most people would, I'm guessing that they were saving for the rainy day, the day when exorbitant medical bills would accumulate as a result of old age. I'm assuming that they were simply being diligent in preparing for their own future.

But, I can't help but think that they gave some thought to passing on to their heirs some of the fruit of their labors.

I know for a fact that my

All you have to do is accept what Jesus did for you. Give Him the right to control your life instead of controlling it your own sinful way.

Will you do that right now? Now is the best time to join God's family and receive all of its benefits.

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Probably no one needs to tell you that these days it is very expensive to earn a college degree. The fees can run into the tens of thousands of dollars.

After graduating, for many students that means facing years of paying off their educational debt.

Fortunately for me, I have had relatives who worked hard during their long lives. They were frugal, so at the time of their death a substantial estate was passed on to their heirs. I am one of those heirs.

As a result, I'm able to pursue a degree at their expense. Their years of hard work and frugal living are now coming to fruition in my life. I consider myself blessed.

I can pay for a college degree



Because someone died.