

Chapter XXXIII - *“Who Are My Brethren”*

- A. It is not God who deceives people or hardens their hearts. What is the process that ultimately leads people to unbelief?
- B. How do you balance your love for Jesus and your love for your family and friends? What example did Jesus set in this regard?
- C. Read [Isaiah 43:1, 4](#). Imagine God speaking these words directly to you. What response would God desire from you?

Additional Thoughts

1. Why did it matter to the “sons of Joseph” what Jesus was doing?
2. What does it mean to sin against the Holy Spirit?
3. Did those who accused Jesus of working with the power of the devil really believe that?
4. Why are the words we speak so important?
5. True or False. To be wrong, you must deliberately choose the kingdom of darkness. Why yes or why no?
6. What advantage or disadvantage did Jesus' brothers and mother have in regards to salvation?
7. How did Jesus react to the censure at home of His earthly family? (You will have to read between the lines of Scripture and "the Desire of Ages" to find the answer if there is one.) Should you do the same?
8. What does it take to be in the "Family" of Christ?
9. Personal views: List a favorite section or some new thoughts from the reading.