

The Eternal Family

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Wednesday Evenings

(7:00 pm – Layton Davis Campus)

INSTRUCTOR

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COURSE OVERVIEW:

Welcome to The Eternal Family Class! President Henry B. Eyring declared, “You see, the names “brother” and “sister” are not just friendly greetings or terms of endearment for us. They are an expression of an eternal truth: God is the literal Father of all mankind; we are each part of His eternal family. Because He loves us with the love of a perfect Father, He wants us to progress and advance and become like Him. He ordained a plan by which we would come to earth, in families, and have experiences that would prepare us to return to Him and live as He lives.” (*Gathering the Family of God*, General Conference April 2017). The truths you will learn throughout this course, combined with acting on the promptings you feel, can help you and your family draw closer to God and receive all of the blessings He desires for you. You will also be better able to help others do the same.

COURSE OBJECTIVES & LEARNING OUTCOMES:

This course is designed to help you have learning experiences that:

- help you explain the central role of the family in Heavenly Father's plan of salvation
- analyze family-related questions and matters with an eternal perspective
- act with faith in Jesus Christ when addressing personal and family challenges and societal pressures,
- apply teachings of Jesus Christ in their efforts to make and keep sacred covenants and to strengthen family relationships
- increase your capacity to fulfill sacred responsibilities in family life and become more like Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ

INSTITUTE & TRANSFER CREDIT (OPTIONAL):

If you are interested in getting institute credit toward graduation or for transfer to a Church university, you must do the following.

- Attend 75% or more classes
- Read 75% or more of the assigned readings
- Complete an Elevate Learning Experience (Complete one of the following)
 - Study Journal: Utilize a study journal throughout the semester to document “God’s dealings” with you. This can include notes on each lesson, your thoughts and experience with the readings, and revelation you receive.
 - Personal Learning Project: Plan and complete a project that focuses on doctrines and principles from the course, evidence of your learning and application, and a summary of how your faith in Jesus Christ has increased. This can be done through any medium.

COURSE MATERIAL:

The Eternal Family Class Preparation Material (Religion 200)

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/the-eternal-family-class-prep-material-2022?lang=eng>



COURSE SCHEDULE:

CLASS DATE	READINGS
January 10 th	Studying the Doctrine of the Eternal Family & The Role of Prophets in Proclaiming the Doctrine of the eternal Family
January 17 th	Our Divine Nature and Destiny & The Family is Central to Heavenly Father's Plan
January 24 th	Our Mortal Experience and the Gift of a Physical Body & Marriage between a Man and A Woman is Ordained of God
January 31 st	The Eternal Nature and Purpose of Gender & Seeking to Understand Same-Sex Attraction and Loving our LGBTQ+ Brothers & Sisters
February 7 th	Uniting Families for Eternity & The New and Everlasting Covenant of Marriage
February 14 th	Choosing an Eternal Companion & Nurturing the Marriage Relationship
February 21 st	The Divine Gift & Sacred Responsibility of Sexual Intimacy & Addressing Pornography Use
February 28 th	The Commandment to Multiply and Replenish the Earth & Obtaining Happiness in Family Life through Jesus Christ
March 6th	SPRING BREAK – NO CLASS
March 13 th	Equal Partnership in Marriage & Providing for Temporal Needs
March 20 th	The Sacred Responsibilities of Mothers & The Sacred Responsibilities of Fathers
March 27 th	Rearing Children in Love & Rearing Children In Righteousness
April 3 rd	When Blessings of Eternal Marriage or Children Are Delayed & Addressing Mental Health with Hope and Compassion
April 10 th	Repentance and Forgiveness in Family Life & Recognizing and Healing from Abuse
April 17 th	Promoting and Defending the Family as the Fundamental Until of Society & Feeling Hope for Building an Eternal Family