

meet somebody who has a name that doesn't seem to fit them. I remember meeting a man with an Italian name. He looked like an Arab. He didn't look a bit like an Italian. I said to him, Where did you ever get that name? He said, From my father. Oh, I said, Were you an Italian? Sure he said, My father was Italian. But, he said, his father was Italian. But his mother was an Arab and my mother was an Arab. So he was 3/4 Arab. But the name he had was an Italian name.

People are often asking, Who am I really? Who am I? We think our earthly name tells ~~about~~ a lot about what we are. Actually it doesn't. If we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are members of the family of God. We inherit many characteristics from our parents. We are more affected by our upbringing than by our parents, I mean than by what we inherit physically from our parents. In the upbringing I ~~we~~ believe the mother has a far greater influence in most cases than the father.

In S. America they usually take both names--of the Father and of the Mother, and that's very helpful. It tells you a little more about yourself. Once I wanted to learn, Who am I? Where do I come from? So I thought since I have more influence from my Mother than from my Father, lets see who she had influence from. I found out my mother was named Lucian Jenifer before she was married. Her mother was Luch Caplan. He mother was Anna Barstol. Heer mother was Ester Owens. That's a far as I could go. Who am I? Where do I come from?

Well, I traced my geneology. I manages to connect it up by quite an indirect connection with a line that was connected with one of the early presidents of the United States. Somebody had gone to the trouble of tracing him back to England, and getting it connected with one of the ducal lines, and once you get into them you get all kinds of connections and evidence. So I traced it back to Charlemagne! I thought, Isn't that interesting. I can claim descendants~~k~~ from Charlemagne.

How interesting it is. How remarkable does that make me? Well I figured. You go back to parent and another parent and another parent, etc. By the time you get to Charlemagne you have two parents, four grand parents, eight great grandparents, sixteen, thirty two, Sixty four. When you get to Charlemagne there are way over a million. And of course ~~xxx~~ in Europe there were nothing like as many people as there are today. So I think we can safely say that every person living in America who has had any ancestors who came from Europe, is a descendant of Charlemagne. I think we can safely say that. I just happened to be able to trace it. Which probably any of the rest of you could if you were to take the time to bother with it.

If we really have been saved through Christ, we belong to the family of God. That is far more important than our earthly inheritance. The name actually doesn't tell very much. You trace your geneology a little ways: two parents, four grand parents, eight great grandparents, sixteen them. How many of you could name the sixteen? Probably nobody here. I don't think I could name the sixteen that far back. I perhaps could give the last name of them. That would be about all. So we are a mixture, an intermixture physically.