

WHY YOU NEED A CHURCH FAMILY

Some people attend church due to:

- Tradition
- Duty
- Guilt
- Pressure
- Purpose

WHAT IS A CHURCH?

- Not a Building
- Not an Institution
- Not a Place to Go
- Not an Event to Attend
- The Church is a spiritual family to which I belong

“Those who believed Peter were baptized – about 3,000 in all! They joined with other believers in regular attendance at the apostles’ teaching sessions and at the Communion services and prayer meetings” (Acts 2:41-42 LB).

Why Is It the Most Important Group on the Earth?

1. It Is God’s Family.

“Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God’s very own family, citizens of God’s country, and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian” (1 Peter 1:3 Ephesians 2:19 LB).

“That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15 NCV).

2. It Is the Only Reason God Created the Universe.

“Long ago, even before He made the world, God chose us to be His very own, through what Christ would do for us” (Ephesians 1:4 LB).

“His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And He did this because He wanted to!” (Ephesians 1:5 LB).

3. God Is Using His Church for His Eternal Purposes.

“Through Christians like yourselves, gathered in churches, this extraordinary plan of God is becoming known and talked about even among the angels” (Ephesians 3:10 MSG).

4. Jesus Died for the Church.

- Not for a Nation
- Not for a Business

5. Only the Church Will Last Forever.

“To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!” (Ephesians 3:21 NIV).

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6. The Church Is the Only Group that Jesus Said Would Succeed.

“Upon this rock I will build My church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it” (Matthew 16:18 NLT).

7. The Church Is the Only Group Big Enough to Solve Global Problems.

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think” (Ephesians 3:20 NLT).

8. Being a Part of the Church Is the Greatest Privilege in Life.

“All honor to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for it is His boundless mercy that has given us the privilege of being born again, so that we are now members of God’s own family” (1 Peter 1:3 LB).

Benefits of Belonging to a Church

- Helps Me Focus on God
- Helps Me Face Life’s Problems
- Helps Me Strengthen My Faith
- Helps Me Find My Place to Make a Difference
- Helps Me Fulfill My Life Mission