

THE PURPOSES OF A CHURCH

Part 2: You Need a Church for Spiritual Support

“It is not good for man to be alone” (Genesis 2:18 KJV).

“We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other” (Romans 12:5 NLT).

5 Reasons I Need a Church Family

1. TO WALK WITH ME

“As you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in Him” (Colossians 2:6 BSB).

- It Is Safer
“There is safety in having many advisers” (Proverbs 11:14 NLT).
- It Is Supportive
“It is not good for man to be alone” (Genesis 2:18 KJV).
- It Is Smarter
“Only fools would trust what they alone think, but if you live by wisdom, you will do all right” (Proverbs 28:26 CEV).

“Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another...” (Hebrews 10:25 NLT).

“He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love” (Ephesians 4:16 NLT).

2. TO WORK WITH ME

“For we are God’s masterpiece (handiwork), created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10 NIV).

“Two are better off than one, because together they can work more effectively” (Ecclesiastes 4:9 GN).

“Right now, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith” (Galatians 6:10 MSG).

3. TO WATCH OUT FOR ME

“Look out for one another’s interests, not just your own” (Philippians 2:4 LB).

“Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters” (Hebrews 13:1 NIV).

“A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken” (Ecclesiastes 4:12 NLT).

“If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble” (Ecclesiastes 4:10 NLT).

4. TO WAIT AND WEEP WITH ME

“You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds” (1 Peter 3:8 LB).

“Be happy with those who are happy; weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15 GN).
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5. TO WITNESS WITH ME

“Love one another... By this everyone will know that you are My disciples...” (John 13:34-35 NIV).

“I will know that you are working together and are struggling side by side to get others to believe the good news” (Philippians 1:27 CEV).