

**BIBLICAL TRUTHS ABOUT THE CHURCH**

**1. THE CHURCH IS A \_\_\_\_\_**

**1 Peter 1:3 (LB)** (God) has given us the privilege of being born again, so that we are now **members** of God's own family.

**Galatians 1:2 (NCV)** This letter is also from all those of **God's family** who are with me. To the churches in Galatia...

**1 Peter 2:17 (NCV)** Show respect for all people: Love the brothers and sisters of **God's family**, respect God, honor the king.

**2. YOU \_\_\_\_\_ IN A CHURCH FAMILY**

**Ephesians 2:19 (NIV)** Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household...

**(LB)** Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God's **very own family**, and you **belong** in God's household with every other Christian.

**3. GOD EXPECTS \_\_\_\_\_ IN HIS FAMILY**

**1 Corinthians 14:33 (KJV)** For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

**(NJB)** ...for God is a God not of disorder but of peace. As in all the churches of God's holy people

**Matthew 5:9 (NLT)** God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the **children** of God.

**4. ANY ATTITUDE THAT CAUSES DISUNITY IS \_\_\_\_\_**

Col. 3:15, 1 Cor. 1:10, 2 Tim. 2:14, Pr. 17:14, 2 Cor. 13:11, Phil. 1:27, 2:1-3, Col. 2:2, Phil. 4:2, 1 Peter 3:8, 1 Cor. 14:33, John 13:34-35, 2 Tim. 2:23, Rom. 15:5-6, Rom. 12:16-18, Col. 3:13-14, Ps. 133:1.

**1 Corinthians 3:16-17 (NIV)** Don't you know that you, yourselves, are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you. If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him, for God's temple is sacred and you are that temple.

**Rom 14:19 (Ph)** So let us concentrate on the things that make for harmony and the growth of our fellowship together.

**5. JESUS PRAYS FOR \_\_\_\_\_**

**John 17:11-14 (ASV)** Holy Father, keep them in thy name which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are...and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy made full in themselves.

**6. BELONGING IS BEING A \_\_\_\_\_ IN A LIVING BODY**

**1 Corinthians 12:27 (NASB)** Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it!

**7. BELONGING INVOLVES \_\_\_\_\_ AS A CHURCH**

**Acts 20:7 (ESV)** On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together...

**Heb 10:24-25(TNIV)** And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another...

**8. BELONGING MEANS SHARING MY LIFE IN A \_\_\_\_\_**

**1 John 1:6-7 (CEV)** If we say that we share in life with God and keep on living in the dark, we are lying and are not living by the truth. But if we live in the light, as God does, we share in life with each other.

**Acts 2:44-47 (NCV)** All the believers were together and shared everything...The believers met together...They ate together in their homes, happy to share their food with joyful hearts. They praised God and were liked by all the people. Every day the Lord added those who were being saved to the group of believers.

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