

To Belong

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(God's) unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:5a TLB, NLT

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

1 Peter 1:3b TLB

5 Benefits Of Belonging ...

1. Focus On God.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

Matthew 22:37b-38 NIV

Magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

Psalms 34:3 ESV

2. Face Life's Problems.

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 3:8b TLB

In Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Romans 12:5 NIV

3. Fortify My Faith.

Let us go on . . . and become mature in our understanding, as strong Christians ought to be .

Hebrews 6:1b TLB

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known...

Ephesians 3:10a NIV

4. Find My Place.

There are different kinds of service. All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:5a, 27 NLT

5. Fulfill My Life Purpose.

Life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about God's mighty kindness and love.

Acts 20:24 TLB

Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved . . . How can they believe in him if they've never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

Romans 10:13,14b TLB

Weekend Music:

King Of Heaven (Annabeth Morgan) • Rasie a Hallelujah (Bethel Music) •
Build My Life (Pat Barrett)