

"I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."

Matthew 16:18b NLT

I am writing these things to you now (so) you will know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth.

1 Timothy 3:14b-15 NCV

Five Benefits Of Belonging

1. In God's Family: Identity.

You are members of God's very own family...and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.

Ephesians 2:19b TLB

Jesus and the people he makes holy all belong to the same family. That is why he isn't ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.

Hebrews 2:11 CEV

2. In God's Temple: Support.

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Ephesians 2:21-22 NIV

I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you.

Romans 1:12b NCV

3. In Christ's Body: Connection.

Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each needs all the others.

Romans 12:4-5 TLB

4. In God's Flock: Care.

Take care of God's flock, his people, that you are responsible for. Watch over it because you want to.

1 Peter 5:2a ICB

Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2 NLT

5. In Christ's Vineyard: Productive.

A branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:4b-5 NLT

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Mark 16:16 NIV

Weekend Music:

Your Love Awakens Me (Phil Wickham) • Hosanna (Hillsong Worship)
Do It Again (Elevation Worship)