

NEW SERIES  
GREATER TOGETHER - "Why a church family is so important"

# A CHURCH FAMILY IS IMPORTANT!

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**I Corinthians 12:14** (NASB)  
For the body is not one member, but many.

**Acts 2:41, 42 & 46,47** (NLT)  
Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day--about 3,000 in all. All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals, and to prayer...  
They worshipped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity--all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

***"A CHURCH is a group of believers who've joined together in a commitment to help each other fulfill God's purpose for their life!"***

## THE CHURCH IS GOD'S FAMILY

**Ephesians 1:4-5** (NLT)  
Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure.

***Before God thought of the universe, He thought of us!  
That's how much you and I matter to Him!***

UNLEASHED  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
TEACHING NOTES

## JESUS DIED FOR THE CHURCH

**Ephesians 5:25-27** (NLT)

For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. He did this to present her to Himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

## THE CHURCH IS INTENDED FOR IMPACT

**Ephesians 3:10-11** (NLT)

God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display His wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was His eternal plan, which He carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Ephesians 3:20** (NLT)

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.

## THE CHURCH WILL LAST FOREVER

**Matthew 16:18** (NASB)

"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it."

**I Thessalonians 4:17** (NLT)

Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.

## NEXT WEEK : CHURCH IS IMPORTANT FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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