

WHY YOU NEED A CHURCH FAMILY

Discovering New Horizons

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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 1:3 (Living Bible)

“That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth.”

1 Timothy 3:15 (New Century Version)

“You belong in God’s household with every other Christian.”
Ephesians 2:19 (Living Bible)

SIX BENEFITS OF A CHURCH FAMILY

1. IT HELPS ME _____

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart ... and soul and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.” Matthew 22:37-38

“The time is coming when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, and that time is here already. You see, the Father too is actively seeking such people to worship Him!” John 4:23 (Living Bible)

2. IT HELPS ME _____

“Jesus died for us so that we can live together with Him ... So encourage each other and give each other strength ...” 1 Thessalonians 5:10-11 (New Century Version)

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

“In Christ, we who are many form one Body and each member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12:5

3. IT HELPS ME _____

“Let us go on . . . and become mature in our understanding, as strong Christians ought to be.” Hebrews 6:1 (Living Bible)

“God’s intent was that through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known . . .” Ephesians 3:10

4. IT HELPS ME _____

“. . . to prepare God’s people for the work of ministry.” Ephesians 4:12a

“We are God’s masterpiece. He created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.” Ephesians 2:10 (New Living Translation)

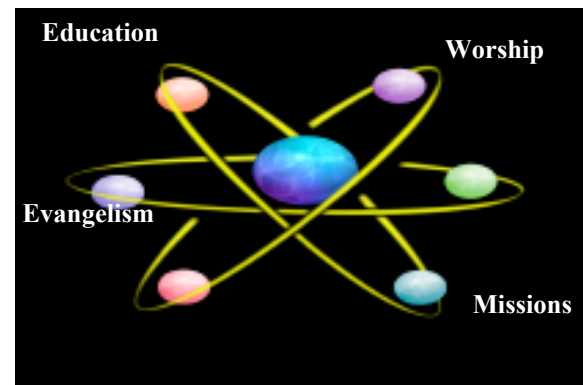
“There are different kinds of service ... together you form the Body of Christ and each one of you is a necessary part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:5, 27 (Living Bible)

5. IT HELPS ME _____

“The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me – to tell people the Good News about God’s grace.” Acts 20:24 (New Century Version)

“Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved . . . (but) how can they believe if they’ve never heard? And how can they hear unless someone tells them?”
Romans 10:13-14 (Living Bible)

“. . . this is your responsibility and privilege as members of His body.”



Colossians 3:15 (Living Bible)

6. IT HELPS ME _____

“...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40

“What good is it my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have good works? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,’ and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith, by itself, if it has no works is dead.”

James 2:14-17 (New Living Translation)