



"God is the one who made all things, and all things are for his glory. He wanted to have many children share his glory..." Hebrews 2:10 NCV

- The 2nd purpose of my life is that GOD FORMED ME FOR HIS FAMILY.
- God's family is called THE CHURCH.
- I am called TO BELONG to His church.

THE BENEFITS OF BELONGING: 5 Bible Metaphors

1. In God's Family: I LEARN MY TRUE IDENTITY.

"You are members of God's very own family... and YOU BELONG in God's household with every other Christian." Ephesians 2:19 LB

"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: I'M SUPPORTED BY OTHERS.

"In Christ 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 1:12 NCV

3. In Christ's Body: I DISCOVER MY UNIQUE VALUE.

"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 of us needs all the others." Romans 12:4-5 LB

"In Christ's Body we're all connected to each other." Ephesians 4:25 MSG

4. In God's Flock: I'M PROTECTED AND CARED FOR.

"Take care of God's flock, his people, that you are responsible for. Watch over them because you want to, not because you are forced to do it." 1 Peter 5:2 ICB

"Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2 NLT

"Encourage each other and give each other strength." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 NCV

5. In God's Garden: MY LIFE BECOMES PRODUCTIVE.

"A branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful apart from me. I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. But apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:4-5 NLT