How God Meets Your Five Deepest Needs A Family to Live With – Part 1

A church is NOT a place I go to, nor an event I attend

IT IS A _____

Acts 2:41-42, 46 (NLT/LB) "Those who <u>BELIEVED</u>...were <u>BAPTIZED</u> and <u>ADDED to the church</u>...They <u>JOINED</u> with the other believers and <u>COMMITTED THEMSELVE</u>S to the apostles' <u>teaching</u>, and to the fellowship... They <u>worshiped together</u> regularly at the Temple courts and <u>met in small</u> <u>groups in homes</u> for <u>communion</u>, and <u>shared meals</u> with great joy and thankfulness."

WHY IS THE CHURCH THE MOST IMPORTANT GROUP ON EARTH?

1. THE CHURCH IS _____

- **1 Peter 1:3**"God has given us the privilege of being born again, so that we are now <u>MEMBERS of GOD'S OWN FAMILY</u>."
- **1 Timothy 3:15 (NCV)** "<u>That family is the church</u> of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth."

2. THE CHURCH IS _____

- **Ephesians 1:4 (LB)** "Long ago, <u>even before he made the world</u>, God <u>chose us</u> to be his very own through what Christ would do for us."
- **Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)** "His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure."

3. THE CHURCH IS _____

- **Ephesians 3:10-11** "God's intent was that now, <u>THROUGH THE CHURCH</u>, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to all the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <u>according to his eternal purpose</u> which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- **Ephesians 3:10** (**MSG**) "Through Christians like yourselves gathered in churches, this extraordinary plan of God is becoming known and talked about even among the angels!"

4. JESUS _____

Ephesians 5:25, 27 (NCV) "Christ <u>loved the church and gave Himself for it... he</u> <u>died</u> so that he could give <u>the church</u> to Himself like a bride in all her beauty. he died <u>so that the church</u> could be pure and without fault..."

5. THE CHURCH IS _____

- **Ephesians 3:21 (GW)** "Glory will belong to God <u>in his church</u> and in Christ Jesus <u>for all time and eternity</u>!"
- **1 Thessalonians 4:17** "...we will <u>be with the Lord together forever</u>!" Who is we? The church.

6. THE CHURCH IS _____

Matthew 16:18 (NLT) Jesus: "I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it!"

7. THE CHURCH IS _____

Ephesians 3:20 (NLT) "By his mighty power at work within us, God is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope!"

8. BELONGING TO GOD'S CHURCH IS ______.

- 1 Peter 1:3 "God has given us <u>the privilege</u> of being born again so that we are now <u>members of God's own family.</u>"
- **1 Corinthians 3:16** "Don't you realize that <u>ALL OF YOU TOGETHER</u> are the temple of God and that <u>the Spirit of God lives in you</u>?"
- **Proverbs 19:21** "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but is it <u>the Lord's purpose</u> that prevails."

FIVE BENEFITS OF BELONGING TO OUR CHURCH

- 1. OUR CHURCH WILL HELP ME ______.
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