



### Church it's a Family Affair

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

Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—but no matter how many parts you can name, you're still one body. It's exactly the same with Christ and His church.

We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which He has the final say in everything. Each of us is now a part of his resurrection body, refreshed and sustained at one fountain—his Spirit—where we all come to drink.

The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, the parts we see and the parts we don't. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance.

You are Christ's body—that's who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your "part" mean anything.  
1 Corinthians 12 The Message

### Focusing on yourself cannot get you to your purpose in life.

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, 16 for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.  
Colossians 1:15,16

### Matthew 22:36-40, The Great Commandment:

"Jesus said, `Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments."

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### Matthew 28:19,20 The Great Commission

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For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son,  
Romans 8:29

"Accept each other just as Christ has accepted you; then God will be glorified."  
Romans 15:7

"As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."  
John 13:34,35

**Key principal: Life is about letting God use you for**

**His purposes not you** \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Three Truths About You and God**

**God had you in mind before he ever** \_\_\_\_\_

God chose us to belong to Christ before the world was created. He chose us to be holy and without blame in his eyes. He loved us.

Ephesians 1:4

**Our identity and purpose are** \_\_\_\_\_

So he decided long ago to adopt us as his children. He did it because of what Jesus Christ has done. It pleased God to do it. Ephesians 1:5

**Our existence is part of a much** \_\_\_\_\_

He showed us the mystery of his plan. It was in keeping with what he wanted to do. It was what he had planned through Christ. 10 It will all come about when history has been completed. God will then bring together all things in heaven and on earth under one ruler. The ruler is Christ. Ephesians 1:9,10

**Two questions will be required of you one day:**

**What did you do with Jesus?**

**What did you do with your life after he took over?**

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:10

**Jesus gave us an insight to these rewards The Kingdom of heaven is like and so he tells them the parable of talents**

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Matthew 25:21

**God promises three rewards in eternity:**

**One: Affirmation** "Well done thou good and faithful servant"

**Two: Responsibility** "Parable of the trustworthy servant is told "I will put you in charge of many things"

**Three: Celebration** "Come and share in your Master's happiness"

**In the entire universe only two creations fail to bring God glory. Fallen Angels and people.**

For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.

Romans 11:36