



- It is not enough to simply be saved and born into God's family. We need a spiritual home and a spiritual _____ here on earth.
- *"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."* **1 Corinthians 12:27**
- In the book of Ephesians, God explains to us why it is so vital that every believer have a church family.

First, a church family identifies you as a

_____.

- Have you noticed, when Paul wanted to talk to believers, he wrote to churches? Ephesians 1:1; 2:1, 5, 13; 4:4-6
- In the Bible, believers have some distinguishing characteristics, and one of those is that they are part of a local _____.

Second, a church family is what you were _____ for in Christ. 2:19-22

- God does not create a person in Christ to be a spiritual _____ who is isolated from other believers and deprived of fellowship.

**Third, a church family helps you to _____
spiritually. 4:15-16**

- The Bible is essential to our spiritual growth, but we grow in Christ faster and stronger by _____ from each other and being accountable to each other.

**Fourth, a church family allows you to be a
contributing player on God's _____. 4:11-12**

- If you are saved, God has gifted you to serve in the body of Christ. There is a participating _____ for you to fulfill on the team.

**Fifth, a church family provides you with
spiritual _____. 4:27, 30; 5:21**

- Satan loves it when believers are severed from the life of a local church. Why is this? He knows you are vulnerable to his fiery _____. 6:11, 16

The Bible teaches that we all need a church
_____.



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