



# My New Life: Church

Understanding the Need and Position of Church in Your New Life

## WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD...

Now that you have received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are part of God's big family. We have been born of God and are now brothers and sisters in Christ. The next step is to become part of a local family. This is what is called the Local Church. It is not an organization or a building where the Church meets but it is an organism - A place where you can be loved and cared for and helped with all the struggles that will come your way.

## WHY SHOULD I FIND A CHURCH TO ATTEND?

First, it is commanded by God for us to assemble together. When Jesus used the word "Church" it wasn't a religious term at all. It was a civic term used for the meetings of the city council. It actually meant the called out assembly. Jesus said "upon this rock I will build my Church." He was talking about an assembled group. So, we should assemble with other believers for worship, teaching, fellowship and service. For most of us - just being commanded to assemble together isn't enough motivation to do so, even though it should be. Being in a "Relationship" is the primary motivator that will cause us to follow through to be all that God wants us to be. Now that you have a relationship with God through Jesus, I know that you love Him and thank Him for what He has done for you. My encouragement to you is - fall in love with Jesus more and more every day. The Bible says that Jesus loved the Church so much that He gave His life for Her. We love Him because He first loved us! The Church is referred to as the Bride of Christ, the body of Christ, the house of God and the pillar and foundation of the truth. Jesus said where two or three are gathered together in His name, He is right in the middle of us. The early Church was so much like a family that they practically lived together and even ate their meals together. They shared their joys, their hurts and even their possessions. Wow! That sounds like a relationship that we all need.

You and I now have the opportunity to be a part of a loving, caring and sharing family. It's called the local Church. The Bible says "And the Lord added to the Church daily those that were being saved." I encourage you to find a local Church very soon where you can be a part of the "family". Jesus has built His Church with you in mind and lost mankind on His heart. Now let's get in and get going WITH Him.

## YOUR TURN NOW...

Why do you need to be a part of a local Church? Isn't the "Big Family" enough?

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What is your favorite description of the Church?

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Why do you think the early Church grew every day?

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## GOD SAYS...

### Hebrews 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

### Matthew 26:41

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

### Ephesians 1:22-23

And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

### Matthew 18:20

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.

### Acts 2:47

Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.