YOU ARE CALLED TO BELONG

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"God is the one who made all things, and all things are for his glory. <u>He wanted to have many children</u> share his glory..." Heb. 2:10 (NCV)

o THE 2ND PURPOSE OF MY LIFE IS THAT

"His unchanging plan has always been to <u>adopt us into his</u> <u>own family</u> by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ." Eph. 1:5 (NLT)

o GOD'S FAMILY IS CALLED

"I am writing to you... so you will know <u>how to live in the family of</u> <u>God</u>. THAT FAMILY <u>IS THE CHURCH</u> of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth." 1 Tim. 3:14-15 (NCV)

o I AM ______ TO HIS CHURCH "So now you are <u>no longer visitors or strangers</u>. Now you are citizens together with God's holy people. You <u>BELONG TO GOD'S FAMILY</u>." Eph. 2:19 (ICB)

"You are among those who have been <u>CALLED TO BELONG</u> to Jesus Christ." Rom. 1:6 (NLT)

"ECCLESIA" (church) = "THE CALLED OUT"

THE BENEFITS OF BELONGING 5 Bible Metaphors

1. IN GOD'S FAMILY: ____

"You are members of God's very own family... and <u>YOU BELONG</u> in God's household with every other Christian." Eph. 2:19 (LB)

"Jesus and the people he makes holy <u>all belong to the same family</u>. That is why he isn't ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters." Heb. 2:11 (CEV)

2. IN GOD'S TEMPLE:

"In Christ the whole building is joined together and rises to become <u>a holy temple</u> in the Lord. And in him you too are <u>being built</u> <u>together</u> to become <u>a dwelling</u> in which God lives by his Spirit." Eph. 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." Rom. 1:12 (NCV)

3. IN CHRIST'S BODY: _____

"Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with <u>Christ's</u> <u>Body</u>. We are all parts of it, and <u>it takes every one of us</u> to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So <u>we belong to</u> <u>each other</u>, and <u>each of us needs all the others.</u>" Rom. 12:4-5 (LB)

"If your foot says, 'I'm not a part of the body because I'm not a hand,' that doesn't make it any less a part of the body. And if your ear says, 'I'm not part of the body because I'm only an ear and not an eye,' would that make it any less a part of the body?" 1 Cor. 12:15-16 (NLT)

"In Christ's Body we're all connected to each other." Eph. 4:25 (Mes)

4. IN GOD'S FLOCK: _

"<u>Take care of God's flock</u>, his people, that you are responsible for. <u>Watch over them</u> 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 Thes. 5:11 (NCV)

5. IN GOD'S GARDEN:

"A branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be <u>fruitful</u> 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)