

"BELONGING"

What On Earth Am I Here For? :: Part 3

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Purpose #1: I am formed to be loved by God.

Purpose #2: I am formed to _____.

His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:4

God's family is called _____.

Now, you are no longer visitors or strangers. Now, you are citizens together with God's holy people, and you belong to God's family. Ephesians 2:19

Four Benefits of Belonging to the Church:

1) Family: In God's family I learn my _____.

You are members of God's very own family, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian. Ephesians 2:19

Jesus and the people he makes holy all belong to the same family. This is why he isn't ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters. Hebrews 2:11

2) Temple: In God's temple I am _____.

Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and his Spirit lives in you? 1 Corinthians 3:16

In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God. Ephesians 2:21-22

3) Body: In Christ's body I discover my _____.

Now, you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.
1 Corinthians 12:27

Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do, so we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others. Romans 12:4-5

If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. 1 Corinthians 12:26

4) Garden: In God's garden my life becomes _____.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener... and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit."
John 15:1,5

"A branch cannot bear fruit if it's severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful apart from me." John 15:4-5

God's aim in human history is the creation of an all-inclusive community of loving persons with God himself as its primary sustainer and most glorious inhabitant. Dallas Willard