

*The Missing Piece, Part 7:
The Church is a Family*

Last Bible study we saw that the church is an embassy.

The church is also a family.

Your entrance into the church is like your entrance into a family.

- You may be born into the family.
John 3:3; 1 Peter 1:3
- OR, you may be adopted into the family.
Ephesians 1:3-5

The chief indicator that we are a family is the fact that every true Christian may call God, Father.

Ephesians 2:18-19

- The church is not a place or event.
- The church is a spiritual family.
- The church is a spiritual family with God as its Father.

The church is a family with a purpose.

Ephesians 1:5, 8, 11

What is the purpose of the church?

Ephesians 1:6, 12, 14

- It's the only purpose guaranteed to succeed.
Matthew 16:18
- It's the only group that actually has the answer to the world's problems.
Ephesians 3:20
- The only thing on earth that will last forever.
Ephesians 3:21

The greatest blessing in life is to be a member of God's family.

- A spiritual family helps me stay focused on God as the center of my life.
Matthew 6:33
- A spiritual family helps me face the problems and evils of this life.
Ephesians 4:2, 32
- A spiritual family helps me to find my purpose.