

(1) FAMILY The church is a family of people with God as their father, and Jesus as brother. It's building is only a place where the family meets. . It is not a dead institution but a living community where people are having a great time being the best kind of family to each other.

• Ephesians 2:19 " You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of _____
_____.

• The church is the family of the sons and daughters of Father God. The ideal church functions like a biological family. In many ways the best church families offer more than many biological families offer. They offer similar beliefs, life purposes, values, and lifestyle. The Christian family has the same father- God the Father. The same leader – Jesus Christ. The same book- the Bible (revelation). The same hope – heaven. The same purposes – to experience God and help people

"This is a place where everyone knows my name."

(2) BORN Christians are born twice. Once to their natural parents and a second time to Father God. Jesus coming into a person's dead spirit wakes it up This re-born spirit connects with God who is spirit. Christians see their living through the same eyes that God does—as good -beautiful—hopeful.

• John 1:12 " But to all who believed Jesus and accepted him, he gave the right to become _____ They are reborn! This is not a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan—this _____ comes from God."

(3) CONDUCT Good families purpose to help each other be happy and succeed in life. So the Christian family believes in and hopes in each other . It encourages not criticizes. It stands with each other in days of sin and failure and despair. It enjoys each other .

• I Timothy 3:15 "I am writing these things so that you will know how people _____ themselves in the household of _____. This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and support of "the _____."

The church family conducts itself so that the sons and daughters of the family feel:

-1- **Accepted** They experience that they **fit in**. "These are my people."

-2- **Experience Friendship** The people in this church **want to know me**

-3- **Have Value I am needed.** They help me to discover my gifts and talents what I love to do and they help me find a place to be useful and find a meaningful life.

-4- **Benefit** . This family helps me in so many ways.

- It reminds me that because I trust in Christ that my name is written in the Book of Life. Philippians 4:3
- These people stand with us and share with us in our time of need
- Together my church family does a lot of good and I have learned what I can do
- We are under the protection of godly and wise leaders
- We hold each other accountable to live a life that God blesses.

-5- **Expectations** We know what the Lord expects of the members of his family.

- Together we keep the peace of the family
 - We show love – we do not gossip- we follow our leaders
- Together we take responsibility for the growth of the church
 - We pray—we invite—we welcome
- Together we do the good works, good words, good news of Jesus
 - We find our gifts – get equipped – serve with a servant's heart
- Together we make Jesus famous and his church look good.
 - We attend faithfully – Give generously – Live a godly life

(4) SHARE We are not independent We are dependent on each other. We are not solitary but members of a community. Like the first church family which shared all things of life together. We share living – meet together constantly. We share what we have for the needs of others in the family. We share worship. We share in living such a happy, hopeful, and generous life that people come to Jesus and are saved because they want what we have.

• Acts 2:44-47 " And all the believers met _____ constantly and _____ everything they had. They sold their possessions, and _____ the proceeds with those in _____. They _____ together at the Temple each day, met in _____ for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great _____ and generosity – all the while

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praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people.

As each the Lord added to their group those who were
being_____."

What does this teaching say to you?
