

# **THE AMAZING CHURCH:**

## **BENEFITS OF BEING CONNECTED TO A SPECIFIC CHURCH FAMILY**

Hebrews 10:25 NLT

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

**CHURCH – AN ASSEMBLY OR GATHERING OF PEOPLE FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE. A GROUP OF BORN-AGAIN, SPIRIT FILLED, WATER BAPTIZED BELIEVERS MEETING TOGETHER**

### **5 MAJOR BENEFITS OF BELONGING TO A SPIRIT FILLED CHURCH FAMILY**

#### **1. HELPS YOU STAY FOCUSED ON THE THINGS OF GOD**

2 Peter 1:12 TPT

I won't hesitate to CONTINUALLY REMIND YOU OF THESE TRUTHS, even though you are aware of them and are well established in the present measure of truth you have already embraced.

Acts 2:42 TPT

EVERY BELIEVER WAS FAITHFULLY DEVOTED TO FOLLOWING THE TEACHINGS of the apostles. Their hearts were mutually linked to one another, sharing communion and coming together regularly for prayer.

Ephesians 4:14 TLB

Then we will no longer be like children, FOREVER CHANGING OUR MINDS about what we believe because someone has told us something different or has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like the truth.

## **2. HELPS YOU STAND FIRM IN FAITH IN YOUR CHALLENGES**

Galatians 6:2–3 ERV

Help each other with your troubles. When you do this, you are obeying the law of Christ. [3] If you think you are too important to do this, you are only fooling yourself.

## **3 WAYS WE HELP OTHER BELIEVERS:**

### **\*THROUGH PRAYER**

Colossians 1:3–4 NLT

We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. [4] For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people...

Romans 15:30 TPT

That's why I plead with you, because of our union with our Lord Jesus Christ, to be partners with me in your prayers to God. My dear brothers and sisters in the faith, with the love we share in the Holy Spirit, fight alongside me in prayer.

### **\*THROUGH WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

2 Corinthians 1:3 TLB

What a wonderful God we have—he is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of every mercy, and the one who so wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. And why does he do this? So that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them this same help and comfort God has given us.

### **\*THROUGH ACTS OF KINDNESS**

Ephesians 4:32 NLT

Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you

Galatians 5:13 NLT

use your freedom to serve one another in love.

Acts 9:36 TLB

In the city of Joppa there was a woman named Dorcas ("Gazelle"), a believer who was always doing kind things for others, especially for the poor.

### **3. HELPS YOU ENJOY YOUR CHRISTIAN JOURNEY. GROWING TOGETHER THROUGH FELLOWSHIP, PRAYING, DISCIPLESHIP.**

Acts 2:46–47 NLT

They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— [47] all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

### **4. HELPS YOU DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE & VALUE TO GOD'S ETERNAL PLAN FOR MAN**

Acts 13:2–3 TLB

One day as these men were worshiping and fasting the Holy Spirit said, "Dedicate Barnabas and Paul for a special job I have for them." [3] So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them—and sent them on their way.

### **5. HELPS YOU FULFILL YOUR DIVINE ASSIGNMENT**

Ephesians 4:11–12 NLT

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. [12] Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

**THE CHURCH IS THE MOST POWERFUL, IMPORTANT & INFLUENTIAL GROUP ON EARTH. YOU DON'T JOIN THIS FAMILY; YOU MUST BE BORN INTO THIS FAMILY.**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE CONNECTED TO A SPECIFIC CHURCH FAMILY?

WHAT BENEFITS HAVE YOU RECEIVED FROM BEING CONNECTED TO A SPECIFIC CHURCH FAMILY?