

## #church: find a place where you belong The “Rights” of Belonging

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<sup>1</sup> As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. **Ephesians 4:1-2, NIV**

God’s goal for me is to become a \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ follower of Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. **Ephesians 4:3-6, NIV**

My connection to God is already \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ!

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! **1 Corinthians 10:12, NIV**

AND church is the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus gave me...

Therefore *encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.* **1 Thessalonians 5:11, NIV**

✓ For my \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may *spur one another on* toward love and good deeds: not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing. **Hebrews 10:24-25a, NIV**

✓ For my \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>13</sup> But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” *so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.* **Hebrews 3:13, NIV**

✓ For my \_\_\_\_\_

Church is the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus gave me where...

✓ ...An entire \_\_\_\_\_ of believers will help me more fully-develop my \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus!

<sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. <sup>8</sup> This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.”

<sup>9</sup> (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) **Ephesians 4:7-10, NIV**

✓ ...All my \_\_\_\_\_ can be combined with the gifts of other Christ-followers to \_\_\_\_\_ his kingdom.

<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. **Ephesians 4:11-13, NIV**

✓ ...Jesus gives me \_\_\_\_\_ to equip me to become a fully-developed \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.

<sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him... <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.” **1 Corinthians 1:28-29, 31, NIV**

✓ ...\_\_\_\_\_ people are given \_\_\_\_\_ faith in Jesus!

### MEMORY VERSE

*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.* **Ephesians 4:3, NIV**

**Bottom line:** I will seek out environments at CrossWalk where I can enjoy all the benefits and blessings of God’s gift: church.

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