

Lesson 10: Our Church Family (Part 1)

According to the Bible, which of the following is the Church:

- 1. All people who have their names on the membership list of some church; or
- 2. All people who have true faith in their hearts and have come out of the darkness of the world; or
- 3. All people who attend church services each week at their favorite congregation.

What does Christ do once He works true faith in people?

- 1. He joins them to a good local church where they can grow in the Word; or
- 2. He doesn't worry about them since He knows that their faith will never die; or
- 3. He lets them be free to join any church or no church.

Ephesians 2:19

When we come to faith in Christ, God takes us out of the world and makes us part of His _____.

When is a person a "foreigner and alien" as concerns God? _____

When a person is a "foreigner and alien" as concerns God, he is a member of which family?
_____.

When a person becomes a member of God's family, he becomes a "foreigner and alien" in _____
_____.

The Bible, in many places, compares our church congregation with a human _____.

All the different parts of our human body work together in harmony. Once we come to faith in Christ, God joins us to a body of believers where we grow spiritually and work together in harmony.

The Bible calls the church the _____, Christ is the _____. God has joined you to a body of believers, a local church or congregation. You are a very important part of this body, just like all the different parts of your body are all very important. Who is the head of our

church? _____. What is the pastor's duty in our church? _____

A hand cannot function or live without our _____. If our hand gets separated from our body, it will _____. In the same way a Christian needs a _____ in order to grow and live and serve Christ. The Bible says a church should be like a living body, keeping the life of Christ flowing through all the members, and the members serving together for the glory of Christ.

We want to consider a section of the Bible that compares the members of a church to a living human body. We will select certain verses from :

1 Corinthians 12:5-7

Why are you important in this church? _____

Is there any member of our church who is not important? _____

When we work for the church and support its ministry, who are we serving? _____

Verse 14

Verse 16

Verse 21

What attitude can lead to disharmony in the body of Christ?

1) _____

2) _____

Verse 25

Verse 26

Verse 27

In our church, there should never be any _____

If you ever find it difficult to love someone in our church what should you do? _____

What steps can you take to bring harmony to your relationship with this person? _____

Think of what happens when you hit your finger with a hammer? How about a bad tooth?

How does this affect your entire body? _____

How should our church feel when one of the members is in pain of any kind? _____

Ephesians 4:2-3.

How should we respond if someone in the church does something we don't like? _____

No matter what happens, we want to continue to work together in our church as one body. We want to close this lesson with an important section from Ephesians 4.

Verse 11

Verse 12

Verse 13

What is the work of pastors and teachers? _____

What happens to the church when all are serving the Lord? _____

Verse 14-15

What do we avoid when we are mature in the Lord? _____

What should we do if we see a brother or sister begin to leave the ways of Christ and get tossed around by the world? _____

Verse 16

What happens when we function the way Christ wants us to in the church? _____

Homework

1. Is there someone in our church with whom you have bad feelings? Pray for that person, and take a step towards reaching out in love and forgiveness for that person.
2. Do you know someone who is hurting in our church? Give them a few words of encouragement and friendship.
3. Greet a visitor or someone that you do not know in our worship services or classes. You make the first move.
4. Write OR say (with someone) a prayer for love and harmony in our church, and that everyone would really be active and participating in the ministry of our congregation.