

**WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE...  
ABOUT THE CHURCH - Part 6 of 8**

**THE CHURCH IS GOD'S FAMILY**

*God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. Eph. 1:5 (NLT)*

**1. I DON'T GET TO \_\_\_\_\_**

*If any of you think you are the only ones who belong to Christ, then think again. We belong to Christ as much as you do. 2 Cor. 10:7 (CEV)*

**2. I PARTICIPATE IN THE \_\_\_\_\_**

*If you are a follower of Christ Jesus... All that matters is your faith that makes you love others. Gal. 5:6 (CEV)*

**3. THERE IS \_\_\_\_\_ IN MY CHURCH FAMILY**

*Paul and Barnabas also appointed elders in every church. With prayer and fasting, they turned the elders over to the care of the Lord, in whom they had put their trust. Acts 14:23 (NLT)*

**4. LEADERS HAVE A \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE CHURCH**

*To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder... Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers--not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 1 Peter 5:1-3*

**5. EACH CHURCH HAS A \_\_\_\_\_ TO ITS LEADERS**

*Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden. Heb. 13:17*

*Elders who do their work well should be respected and paid well, especially those who work hard at both preaching and teaching. 1 Tim. 5:17 (NLT)*

**THE CHURCH IS CHRIST'S BODY**

**1. CHRIST IS THE \_\_\_\_\_**

*Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. Col. 1:18 (NLT)*

**2. WE BELONG TO \_\_\_\_\_**

*Everything is yours, including the world, life, death, the present, and the future. Everything belongs to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God. 1 Cor. 3:22-23 (CEV)*

*A body is made up of many parts, and each of them has its own use. That's how it is with us. There are many of us, but we each are part of the body of Christ, as well as part of one another. Rom. 12:4-5 (CEV)*

**3. WE BELONG TO \_\_\_\_\_**

*God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. 1 Cor. 12:18-20*

*The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 1 Cor. 12:21*

*You are free to belong to Christ, who was raised to life so that we could serve God. Rom. 7:4 (CEV)*

**4. WE SERVE GOD BY \_\_\_\_\_**

*These are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. Eph. 4:11-12 (NLT)*

*[Christ] makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Eph. 4:16 (NLT)*