

I BELONG
Part 2: Adopted To Belong
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"You are a member of God's very own family...and you belong in God's household with every other Christian." Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

FAMILY

Any group of persons closely related by _____; all those persons considered as _____ of a common _____; a group of persons who form a _____; to take _____ the child of another as _____.

I AM MEANT TO BELONG BECAUSE ...

"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure." Ephesians 1:3-5 (NLT)

1. **GOD HAS _____ TO BE _____ SON/DAUGHTER.**

"So we praise God for the glorious grace He has poured out on us who belong to His dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son and forgave our sins." Ephesians 1:6-7 (NLT)

2. **GOD _____ TO MAKE MY _____**

"God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it." Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

3. _____ **INTO GOD'S FAMILY INCLUDES ...**

"Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil – the commander of the powers in the unseen world ... But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) For He raised us from the dead along with Christ ..."

Ephesians 2:1-2, 4-6 (NLT)

a. _____ **FROM MY** _____.

"Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace."

Ephesians 4:1-3 (NLT)

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago."

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

b. **A** _____ **AND A** _____ **OF** _____ **IN THE**
_____.

"For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all."

Ephesians 4:4-6 (NLT)

c. **A** _____ **FOR THE** _____.

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