

I BELONG
Part 1: Created 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 _____.

I AM MEANT TO BELONG BECAUSE ...

1. **I WAS CREATED BY A** _____.

"I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God." Isaiah 45:5 (NIV)

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one." Deuteronomy 6:4 (NIV)

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

"The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." Colossians 1:15-17 (NIV)

"Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." Genesis 1:2 (NIV)

"The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life." Job 33:4 (NIV)

"Then God said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, in Our likeness ..." Genesis 1:26 (NIV)

- **God is in relationship** _____ - _____
_____ **in** _____.

"The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse."

Romans 1:18-20 (NIV)

- **Creation manifests the _____ nature of God. The universe (uni = one) is comprised of three elements:**

_____ = past, present, future

_____ = length, width, depth

_____ = energy, motion, substance

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world ..."

Psalms 19:1-4 (NIV)

2. I WAS CREATED FOR _____ WITH _____.

"Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there He put the man He had formed. The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."

Genesis 2:7-9 (NIV)

"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it."

Genesis 1:27-28 (NIV)

"Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

Genesis 3:8-9 (NIV)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

John 3:16-18 (NIV)

- _____, I can be in relationship with God.

3. I WAS CREATED FOR _____ WITH _____.

"The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."
Genesis 2:18 (NIV)

"Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living."
Genesis 3:20 (NIV)

"... God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,"
1 Peter 3:20-21 (NIV)

"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."
Galatians 3:26-28 (NIV)

• _____, I _____ IN GOD'S
_____.

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