

## YOU WERE FORMED FOR GOD’S FAMILY

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“God is the one who made all things, and all things are for His glory. He wanted to have many children share His glory...” Heb. 2:10a (NCV)

“God’s unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ.” Eph. 1:5 (NLT)

“I’m writing... so you’ll know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church of the living God.” 1 Tim. 3:14-15 (NCV)

JESUS: “I’m giving you a new commandment: Love each other! Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for each other will prove to the world that you are My disciples.” John 13:34-35 (NLT)

**THE 2<sup>nd</sup> PURPOSE OF LIFE:** \_\_\_\_\_ is God’s answer to loneliness!

### FOUR LEVELS OF FELLOWSHIP

(Learning how to love)

LEVEL 1: THE FELLOWSHIP OF \_\_\_\_\_

“All the believers met together constantly and shared everything with each other.” Acts 2:44 (LB)

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together. Instead, let us encourage one another...” Heb. 10:25 (TEV)

● **SHARE** \_\_\_\_\_

“When you gather, each one of you be prepared with something useful for all: Sing a song, teach a lesson, tell a story, lead a prayer, provide an insight... Take your turn, with no one person taking over. That way... you all learn from each other.” 1 Cor. 14:26, 30-31(Mes)

● **SHARE** \_\_\_\_\_

“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.” Rom. 12:15 (NIV)

LEVEL 2: THE FELLOWSHIP OF \_\_\_\_\_

“...You are members of God’s very own family... and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.” Eph. 2:19 (LB)

“In Christ we who are many form one Body, and each member belongs to all the others.” Rom. 12:5 (NIV)

“The person who loves God must also love other believers.” 1 John 4:21 (GW)

“Love your spiritual family!” 1 Pet. 2:17b (Msg)

“Open your homes to each other without complaining.” 1 Pet. 4:9 (NCV)

“This is what we proclaimed in word and action when we were baptized. Each of us is now a part of His Body.” 1 Cor. 12:13 (Mes)

LEVEL 3: THE FELLOWSHIP OF \_\_\_\_\_

“We are partners working together for God.” 1 Cor. 3:9a (TEV)

“Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together.”

Eccl. 4:9 (NCV)

“The whole Body is fitted 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)

“When we have the opportunity to help anyone, we should do it. But we should give special attention to those in our family of believers.” Gal. 6:10 (NCV)

LEVEL 4: THE FELLOWSHIP OF \_\_\_\_\_

“Share each other’s troubles and problems. In this way you obey the law of Christ.”

Gal. 6:2 (NLT)

“If one member suffers, all suffer together.” 1 Cor. 12:26 (ESV)

“Be devoted to each other like a loving family.” Rom. 12:10 (GW)

“We know what real love is because Christ gave up His life for us. And so we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters.” 1 John 3:16 (NLT)

**WHAT LEVEL ARE YOU IN GOD’S FAMILY?**

☛Sharing together” \_\_\_\_\_

☛Belonging together” \_\_\_\_\_

☛Serving together” \_\_\_\_\_

☛Suffering together” \_\_\_\_\_

*“You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.” Gal. 3:26 (NLT)*