

The Unification Family Church, A place to belong

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"You are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian." -- Ephesians 2:19

"God's family is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth." -- 1 Timothy 3:15

Dear Family,

There is no doubt that the above two Scriptures speak to us directly about the Unification Church, Our church, God's own family!

We are called to belong, not just believe. We are created for community, fashioned for fellowship, and formed for a family, and none of us can fulfill God's purposes by ourselves.

The Bible knows nothing of solitary saints or spiritual hermits isolated from other believers and deprived of fellowship. The Bible says we are put together, joined together, built together, members together, heirs together, fitted together, and held together and will be caught up together. You're not on your own anymore.

While your relationship to True Parents is personal, God never intends it to be private. In God's family, you are connected to every other for all eternity in God's Kingdom on earth.

Following True Father and the Truth includes belonging, not just believing. We are members of his family, his church. The Bible says a Christian without a church home is like an organ without a body, a sleep without a flock, or a child without a family. It is an unnatural state. That's why the Bible says you belong in God's household with every other Christian.

Today's culture of independent individualism has created many spiritual orphans who hop around from one church to another without any identity, accountability, or commitment. Some people believe one can be a "good Christian" without joining or even attending the Unification Church but God would strongly disagree. We must bring people home to God's Family Church so they can attend True Parents and receive the blessings and reach salvation! We must be committed and active on our local fellowship.

When we come together in love as a Unification Church Family from different backgrounds, race, and social status, it is a powerful witness to the world. You will never grow to maturity just by attending worship services and being a passive spectator. Only participation in the full life of a local Unification Family Church builds spiritual muscle. The Bible says, "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)

Over fifty times in the New Testament the phrase "one another" or "each other" is used. We are commanded to love each other, pray for each other, encourage each other, admonish each other, greet each other, serve each other, accept each other, honor each other, bear each other's burdens, forgive each other, submit to each other, be devoted to each other, and many other mutual tasks. This is what True Biblical Unification membership is all about! These are our "Family responsibilities" that God and True Parents expect us to fulfill through a local fellowship.

We will share in True Father's mission in the world. When True Father walked this earth, God manifested himself in the flesh through True Father and worked through him; today True Father uses his spiritual body and we the Unification Church are God's instrument on earth. We are not just to model True Father's love by loving each other, we are to carry it together to the rest of the world. This is an incredible privilege we have been given together. True Father works through us in the world!

Another great benefit of belonging to a local Unification Family Church is that it also provides the spiritual protection of godly leaders. God and True Father gives shepherd leaders the responsibility to guard, protect, defend, and care for the spiritual welfare of his flock.

God, united as one with True Parents created the Unification Church to meet your five deepest needs: a purpose to live for, people to live with, principles to live by, a profession to live out, and power to live on. There is no other place on earth where you can find all five of the benefits in one place other than the Unification Church.

True Father's purposes for his church are identical to his purposes for us. Worship helps us on God and True Parents, fellowship helps us face life's problems, discipleship helps fortify our faith, ministry helps find our talents, evangelism helps fulfil our mission and of course attending True Parents gives us peace, joy, blessings and salvation!!

THERE IS NOTHING ELSE ON EARTH LIKE THE UNIFICATION FAMILY CHURCH!! "A place to belong"

May God and True Parents love you, bless you and always give you a place to belong!

With True Love in their name,

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