

HERE'S WHAT  
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"I HAVE A BIG FAMILY"

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**Q: Have you ever wondered if you belonged?**

**You Belong:**

**I. From \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.* Ephesians 2:11–13 (NASB)

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.* Ephesians 2:8–10 (NASB)

**II. From \_\_\_\_\_.**

*For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR; for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.* Ephesians 2:14–18 (NASB)

**III. From \_\_\_\_\_.**

*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.*

Ephesians 2:19–22 (NASB)

**Point: \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!**



1. When have you felt excluded? When have you felt like a stranger?
2. When have you felt like an enemy to others? To God?
3. Where do you belong in life right now?
4. When have you felt like you belonged most to Christ? When have you felt like you belonged most to the church?
5. What is one practical thing you can do to belong more deeply to Christ? To the Church?
6. What is one practical thing you can do to help others belong more deeply to Christ? To the Church?

**Suggestions:**

1. If you live locally, come back to in-person worship, kids, and youth ministry.
2. Join a small group or class.

**ANSWER KEY:**

- I. From EXCLUDED TO INCLUDED
- II. From ENEMIES TO PEACE
- III. From ALIENS TO CITIZENS

**POINT: You belong here. When you are part of Christ, you are part of a big family.**