

## “The Joy of Being a Part of God’s Family”

Philippians 1:1-11

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Wherever you go, you will see buildings with signs in front. First Church, Community Church, etc. but the church is not a building; it **uses buildings**. The Church is not an organization; it **uses organizations**. It is not a program, although it **uses programs**.

The Church is **people** - people who have received their life from Jesus Christ, people who are sharing that life with one another, people who are extending the Christ-life to all those around them. Church is people sharing Jesus! Church is **God’s** family!

### **Three reasons why being a part of God’s family brings joy!**

#### I. A **CHOSEN** FAMILY:

- A. We are called to be Saints, and we are called Saints. The word “saint” means **sanctified** one. And **sanctified** means to be **set apart** for God.
- B. Chosen family is a saintly family and a Holy family. A **different** family.
- C. A chosen family is a **Koinonia** family.

#### II. A **CONFIDENT** FAMILY:

- A. A **confident** family who is mentioned in this text is the local church. In the New Testament, the word church is used **115** x’s. **20** x’s it is used in a general sense. To refer to the total body of redeemed, the saved of all ages. **95** x’s it is used in a local sense to refer to a **local** congregation of believing people.
- B. There is only one church, one family of God. It is both **visible** and **invisible**. It is both **universal** and **triumphant**.
- C. A confident family is one who believes God will **accomplish** in us and **complete** in us what He has begun. Ephesians 2:6-7

#### III. A **COMPLETE** FAMILY:

- A. A complete family of God is not about building buildings. We are about **building a family!** The trials of life are times of **growth** in the **family**.
- B. A complete family of God will demonstrate **family values** and stand out as living examples of **Christian love**.