

church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.
Ephesians 3:10-11; 20-21 (NLT)

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ¹²Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ. ¹³This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. ¹⁵ Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of His body, the church. ¹⁶He makes the whole body fit 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.
Ephesians 4:11-13; 15-16 (NLT)

Notes:

Finding Myself In The Church

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...I will build My church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Jesus) Matthew 16:18b (KJV)

When God placed me in His family He placed me in the church to...

1. _____ MY LOVE.

Now He (Jesus), is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else in this world or in the world to come. And God has put all things under the authority of Christ, and He gave Him this authority for the benefit of the church. And the church is His body; it is filled by Christ, who fills everything everywhere with His presence. Ephesians 1:21-23 (NLT)

Key Word: _____

I Am Created In Christ To _____ God Fully!

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.
Matthew 22:37, 38

I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. ¹⁷Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. ¹⁸And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. ¹⁹May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. ²⁰Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. ²¹Glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:16-21 (NLT)

2. _____ OUT MY _____.

And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Hebrews 10: 24, 25 (NAS)

Key Word: _____

So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10 (NAS)

I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; ²¹that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²²The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; ²³I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. John 17:20-23 (NAS)

I Am Created In Christ To _____ God's _____.

3. _____ CHRIST-LIKE _____.

...to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ, until we come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ...we will hold to the truth in love, becoming more and more in every way like Christ. Ephesians 4:12,13,15 (NLT)

Key Word: _____

I Am Created In Christ To _____ Like _____.

Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:] Philippians 2:5 (AMP)

For God knew His people in advance, and he chose them to become like His Son...Romans 8:29a (NLT)

But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, ²¹and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God's love. Jude 20-21 (NLT)

And now, may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, equip you with all you need for doing His will. May He produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, all that is pleasing to Him. Jesus is the great Shepherd of the sheep by an everlasting covenant, signed with His blood. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20,21 (NLT)

... I am writing to God's holy people in Ephesus, who are faithful followers of Christ Jesus. ⁴Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. ⁵God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure. ⁶So we praise God for the glorious grace He has poured out on us who belong to His dear Son. ⁷He is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son and forgave our sins. ⁸He has showered His kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. ¹³...And when you believed in Christ, He identified you as His own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom He promised long ago. ¹⁴The Spirit is God's guarantee that He will give us the inheritance He promised and that He has purchased us to be His own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify Him. ²²God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made Him head over all things for the benefit of the church. ²³And the church is His body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with Himself.

Ephesians 1b; 4-8; 13b-14; 22-23 (NLT)

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago. ¹¹Don't forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders... ¹²In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. ¹³But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to Him through the blood of Christ. ¹⁹So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. ²⁰Together, we are His house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus Himself. ²¹We are carefully joined together in Him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. ²²Through Him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by His Spirit.

Ephesians 2:10-11a; 12-13; 19-22 (NLT)

God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display His wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was His eternal plan, which He carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord. ²⁰Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. ²¹Glory to Him in the