

## 'To brand' means to 'make an indelible mark of ownership',



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#### 2 Corinthians 5:17

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!



#### 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. 13 Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.



# As believers we are undeniably linked to Christ and all His people.



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#### Matthew 21:43

I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation that will produce the proper fruit.



There are no second-class citizens in God's Kingdom.

So quit acting like one!



We have a common language

We have a common history

We have a common allegiance

We have a common goal
We have a common
destination

The language of love

The community of faith

Higher than any earthly loyalty.

The glory of God Heaven



#### Philippians 3:20

But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.



Citizenship gives us identity.

As citizens of God's kingdom we have an eternal identity that shows in our fellowship and worldview.



Citizenship gives us privileges.

As believers we have the privilege of full access to God.



Citizenship gives us security.

In Christ, we belong. We are on the inside, not the outside.



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Because we are united with Christ by faith

God loves us as He loves His Son

God cares for us as He cares for His Son

He gives us the same inheritance He gives His Son



#### Romans 8:17

And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

#### Hebrews 2:11-12

So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters. 12 For he said to God, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people."



We live together as a family

#### Ephesians 3:14-15

For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.



We have the same father

Matthew 6:9

Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.



We have the same father

#### Galatians 4:6

And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father."



We have familial relationships with each other

#### 1 Timothy 5:1-2

Never speak harshly to an older man, but appeal to him respectfully as you would to your own father. Talk to younger men as you would to your own brothers. <sup>2</sup> Treat older women as you would your mother, and treat younger women with all purity as you would your own sisters.

As a family we bond together

When a person is saved, he becomes part of the huge family of God!





As a family we pass on our Father's characteristics

Our goal is to be more like our Father



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The foundation of the temple

The Teaching of the Apostles and Prophets.



The cornerstone of the temple

The Lord Jesus Christ



The cornerstone of the temple

"The cornerstone was the support, the orienter and the unifier of the entire building. That is what Jesus Christ is to God's kingdom, God's family and God's building." John MacArthur



### The cornerstone of the temple

#### **Isaiah 28:16**

Therefore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken.

The cornerstone of the temple

Psalm 118:22

The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.



The building stones of the temple

**Believers Everywhere** 



The building stones of the temple

#### 1 Peter 2:5

And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple



The building stones of the temple

#### **Psalm 40:2**

He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along.



The building stones of the temple

**Ephesians 2:21** 

We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.



Have you taken your rightful place in Christ?

Have you fully embraced that you are adopted?

You are not an outsider looking in, you are family.

As family you have rights and responsibilities in the family.

