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When “U” are part of a CHRCH, there are 8 guaranteed promises.

1 “U” are part of God’s family on earth.

1 Timothy 3:15 (NCV)

Then, even if I am delayed, you will know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth.

2 “U” are part of the CHRCH for which God created the entire universe.

Ephesians 1:4 (TPT)

And he chose us to be his very own, joining us to himself even before he laid the foundation of the universe! Because of his great love, he ordained us, so that we would be seen as holy in his eyes with an unstained innocence.

Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

God 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.

3 “U” work with the CHRCH to fulfill God’s eternal purposes.

Ephesians 3:10-11 (NIV)

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 3:10 (MSG)

“Through Christians like yourselves gathered in churches, this extraordinary plan of God is becoming known and talked about even among the Angels!”

4 “U” and the CHRCH are the very reason Jesus died on the cross.

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Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it... He died so that he could give the church to himself like a bride in all her beauty. He died so that the church could be pure and without fault, with no evil or sin or any other wrong thing in it.

5 “U” are part of the only creation that will last forever.

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Glory belongs to God in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time and eternity! Amen.

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After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

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7 “U” are part of the only group big enough to solve all global problems.

2.2 billion Christian Church members globally.

Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)

Now 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.



“U” received the greatest privilege in life, and that is to be part of God’s universal church.

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1 Corinthians 3:16 (NLT)

Don’t you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?

Why is our church driven by purpose?

Define drive – to guide, control and direct something.

What drives churches?

Traditions, personalities, finances, programs, meetings, buildings, events.

Grace Church is driven by purpose!

Proverbs 19:21 (NLT)

You can make many plans, but the LORD’s purpose will prevail.

5 Benefits When “U” are Connected to Our Church.

- It helps me focus on God.
- It helps me face life’s problems.
- It helps me fortify my faith.
- It helps me find my place to make a difference.
- It helps me fulfill my life’s mission.

John 17:18 (MSG)

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