



The Church as a Covenant Family

Christ Joins His People Together as One Household Under God

The church is more than a religious institution or weekly gathering. Through Christ, believers are adopted into the household of God and joined together as a covenant family where they worship, encourage, serve, forgive, and grow together under the Father's care.

TRANSACTIONAL COMMUNITY VS COVENANT FAMILY

TRANSACTIONAL COMMUNITY	VS.	COVENANT FAMILY
Temporary Connection		Covenant Commitment
Consumer Relationships		Shared Responsibility
Anonymous Attendance		Known and Loved
Isolation		Belonging
Self-Focused		One Another Care
Convenience		Faithful Presence

Covenant life is not about what I get, but who we are together in Christ.

LIFE TOGETHER IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD



KEY SCRIPTURES

- Ephesians 2:19**
"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God."
- 1 Timothy 3:15**
"But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."
- Galatians 6:2**
"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."
- Hebrews 10:24–25**
"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together... but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."
- John 13:34–35**
"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

HOW COVENANT LIFE STRENGTHENS BELIEVERS



QUICK COMPARISON

ASPECT	COVENANT FAMILY
Identity	Household of God
Relationships	Covenant belonging
Growth	Shared discipleship
Ministry	One another care
Unity	Shared worship and life
Witness	Visible Gospel community

★ KEY TRUTHS

- ✓ The church is the household of God.
- ✓ Believers belong to one another.
- ✓ Covenant life strengthens spiritual growth.
- ✓ Love is visible through shared life.
- ✓ Christians are called to faithful presence.
- ✓ Christ forms His people together.

THE BIBLICAL PICTURE



We are His people, His household, built together on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone. (Ephesians 2:19–22)



THE BOTTOM LINE

Through Christ, believers are joined together as one covenant family under the Father's care where they worship, serve, encourage, forgive, and grow together as one body under His reign.



TEACHER NOTE

Use this handout to help learners understand the relational nature of the church. Emphasize that biblical church life is covenant family life rooted in worship, fellowship, shared burdens, discipleship, and faithful love under Christ.