

God's Story: God's Story In Us!

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1 Peter 2:9, *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

God's Story In Us:

1 - Starts With SALVATION

Romans 10:9, *If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved... 13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

(Romans 3:23; 3:10; 5:12; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9-10, 13, 17)

2 - Followed By BAPTISM

Matthew 3:13, *Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to deter Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" 15 Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. 16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment Heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. 17 And a voice from Heaven said, "This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased."*

Matthew 28:19, *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,*

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Mark 16:15, *He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”*

Romans 6:3, *Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

(Acts 2:41, Acts 8:36)

3 - Celebrated In The LORD’S SUPPER

1 Corinthians 11:23, *For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” 25 In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.*

(Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-26, Luke 22:7-20)

The Importance of the Church:

4 - We Are Part Of The UNIVERSAL CHURCH

John 17:20, *“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.”*

(1 Corinthians 1:10-17; 2:2-5; 3:4-9)

5 - We Should Be Connected In A LOCAL CHURCH

Acts 2:42, *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common .45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

1 Corinthians 12:12, *Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.*

6 - We Are Endowed For Service With SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 Corinthians 12:4, *There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.*

1 Corinthians 12:12, *Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 15 Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,"...16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," ...17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body... 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

1 Corinthians 14:12, *Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church.*

Romans 12:4, *For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member*

belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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