

# Welcome to the Family



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# Concluding our 2022 Theme: “Blessed and Blessing”



# Genesis 12:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD said to Abram,  
“Go forth from your country,  
And from your relatives  
And from your father’s house,  
To the land which I will show you;

*\*All Scriptures from 1995 New American Standard Bible*

# Genesis 12:1-3

<sup>2</sup> And I will make you a great nation,  
And I will bless you,  
And make your name great;  
And so you shall be a blessing;

# Genesis 12:1-3

<sup>3</sup> And I will bless those who bless you,  
And the one who curses you I  
will curse.  
And in you all the families of the earth  
will be blessed.”

# Zechariah 8:13

<sup>13</sup> It will come about that just as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you that you may become a blessing. Do not fear; let your hands be strong.'





Freely You  
Received...



# How to Be A Blessing, In Everyday Life



**B.E.L.L.S.**



# A “Blessed and Blessing” Church





# A big reason for the theme:



we wanted to remind ourselves of  
the church's mission.



# The church operates in 3 directions:




Upward  
Inward  
Outward



# A Blessing to Our Members

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A black and white photograph showing several hands clasped together in a circle, symbolizing unity and family. The hands are of different skin tones and are wearing various types of clothing, including sweaters and a watch. The background is a bright, overexposed white, making the hands stand out. The overall composition is circular, with the hands forming a ring around a central point.

This  
relationship is  
described as:

Family

# 1 Timothy 3:15

<sup>15</sup> but in case I am delayed, *I write* so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.



This  
relationship is  
described as:

Family

Body

# 1 Corinthians 12:12

<sup>12</sup> For even as the body is one  
and *yet* has many members, and all the  
members of the body, though they are  
many, are one body, so also is Christ.





➤ How does that happen? We see it in the “one another” passages.

# John 13:34

<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

# Galatians 6:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

<sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

# 1 Thessalonians 5:11

<sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another  
and build up one another, just as you  
also are doing.



# James 5:16

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

# A Blessing to Our Community





➤ This relationship is described as:



Salt and Light

# Matthew 5:13-14

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;



➤ This relationship is described as:



Salt and Light  
Showing God's Truth

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<sup>15</sup> but in case I am delayed, *I write* so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

How does that happen?  
They should be blessed by our:



Presence

# Galatians 5:22-23

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

<sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.



How does that happen?  
They should be blessed by our:



Service

# Galatians 6:10

<sup>10</sup> So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.



How does that happen?  
They should be blessed by our:



Message

# Romans 1:16

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

# Final Passage:



# Genesis 12:2

<sup>2</sup> And I will make you a great nation,  
And I will bless you,  
And make your name great;  
And so you shall be a blessing;

# Acts 2:38

<sup>38</sup> Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

# James 5:16

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.