

## **DAWN IS COMING:**

### ***Home Away from Home***

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Where do you belong? One of the greatest gifts we have in Christ is our promise of a home in Heaven. Until then, our home is found in the Church!

***“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” – 1 Peter 1:3, NIV***

#### **My Next Step(s):**

- I won't try to “Grow it alone.” I'll get connected to a group to study God's Word.
- I will seek to be used for God for a greater purpose than I can do on my own.
- I will give God a “stone cold dead” thing in my life, and allow Him to bring it to life.
- I will rid my life of all deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander of every kind.
- I will welcome everyone I can into the family of God - His Church.

**Memory Verse:** “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.” - 1 Peter 2:10, NIV

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*DAWN*

I S C O M I N G

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

*A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF 1 PETER*

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's  
**elect, exiles scattered** throughout the  
provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia,  
Asia and Bithynia,

1 PETER 1:1

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**Churches are missionary  
outposts ...**



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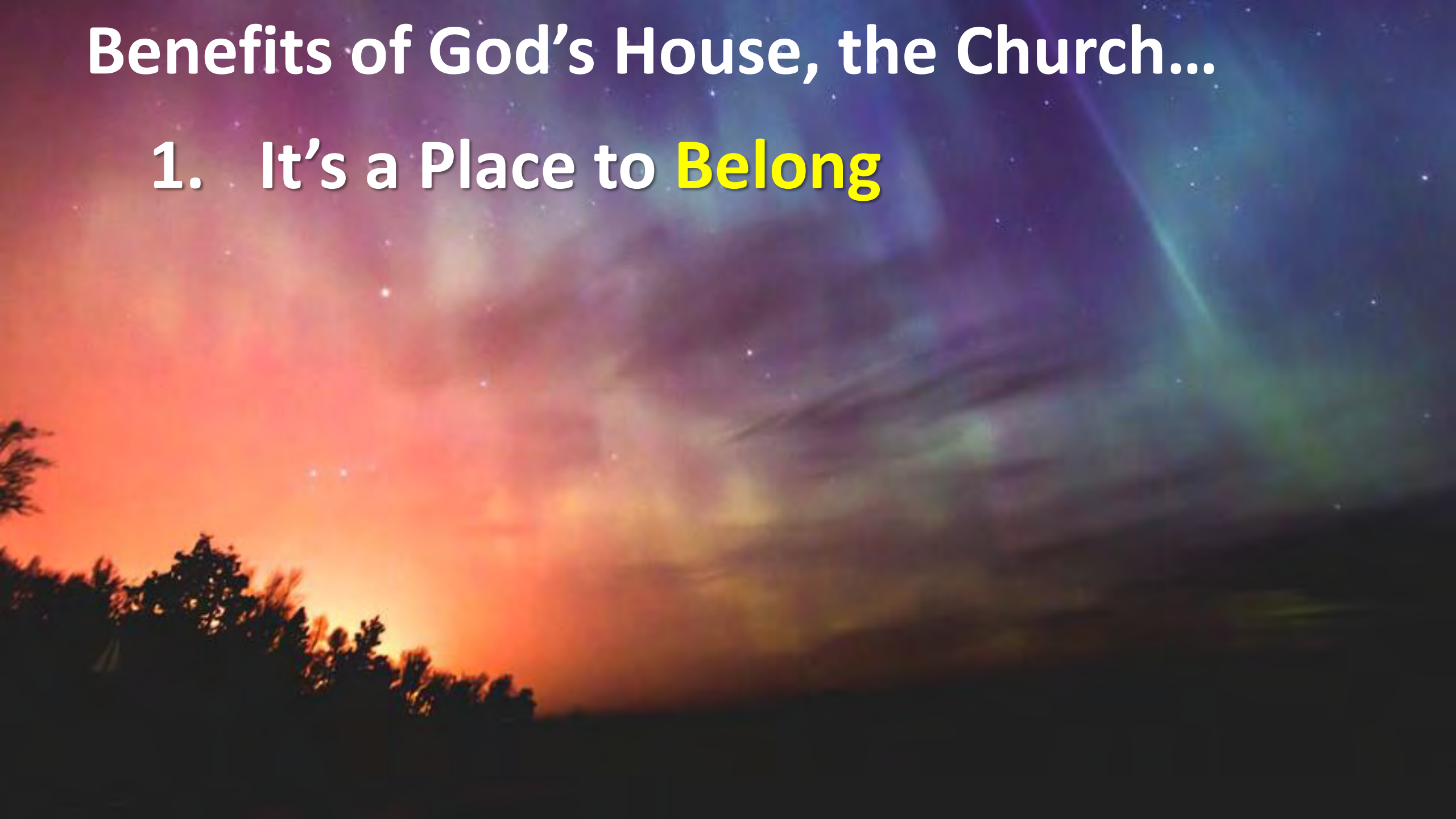


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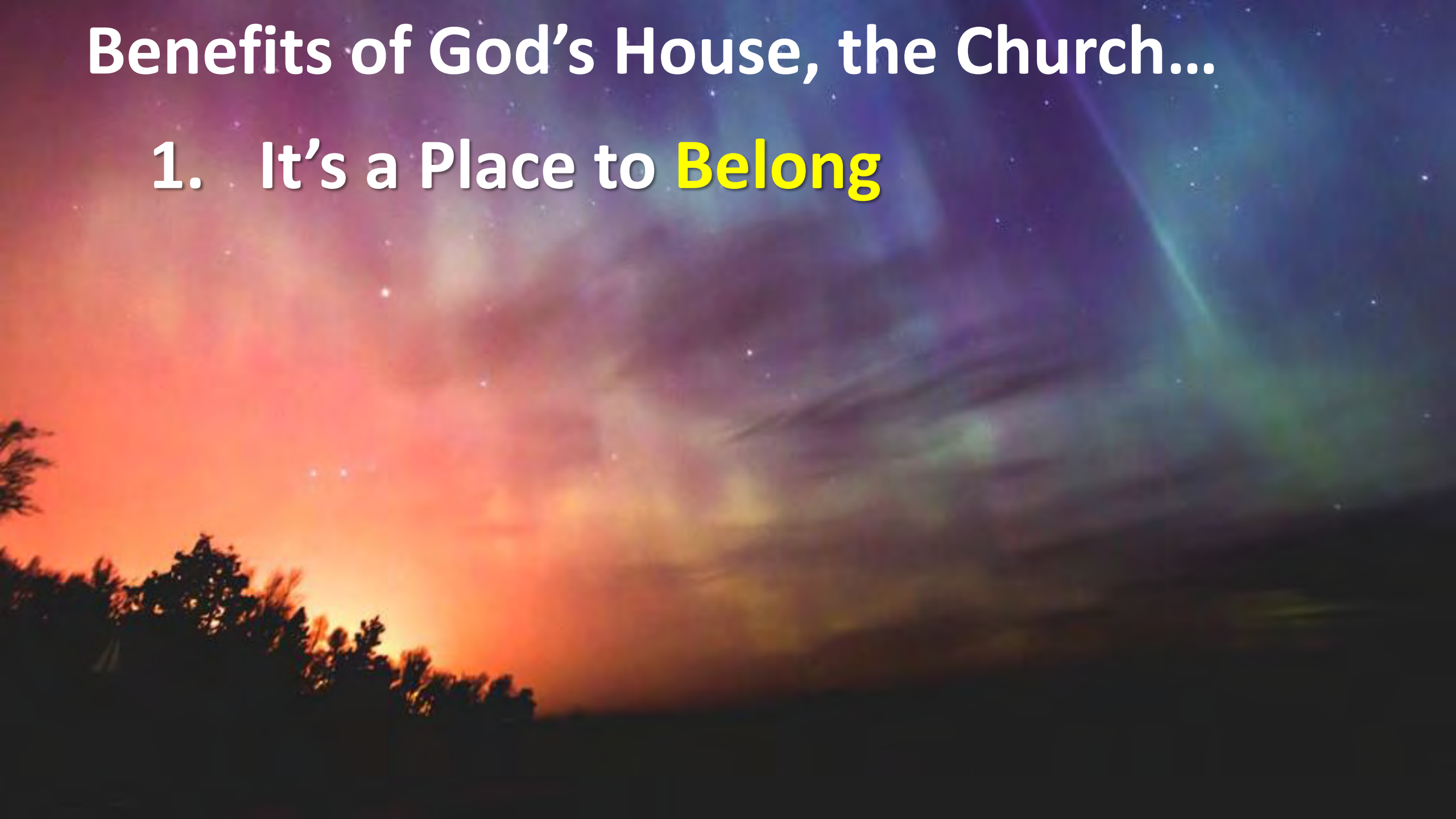
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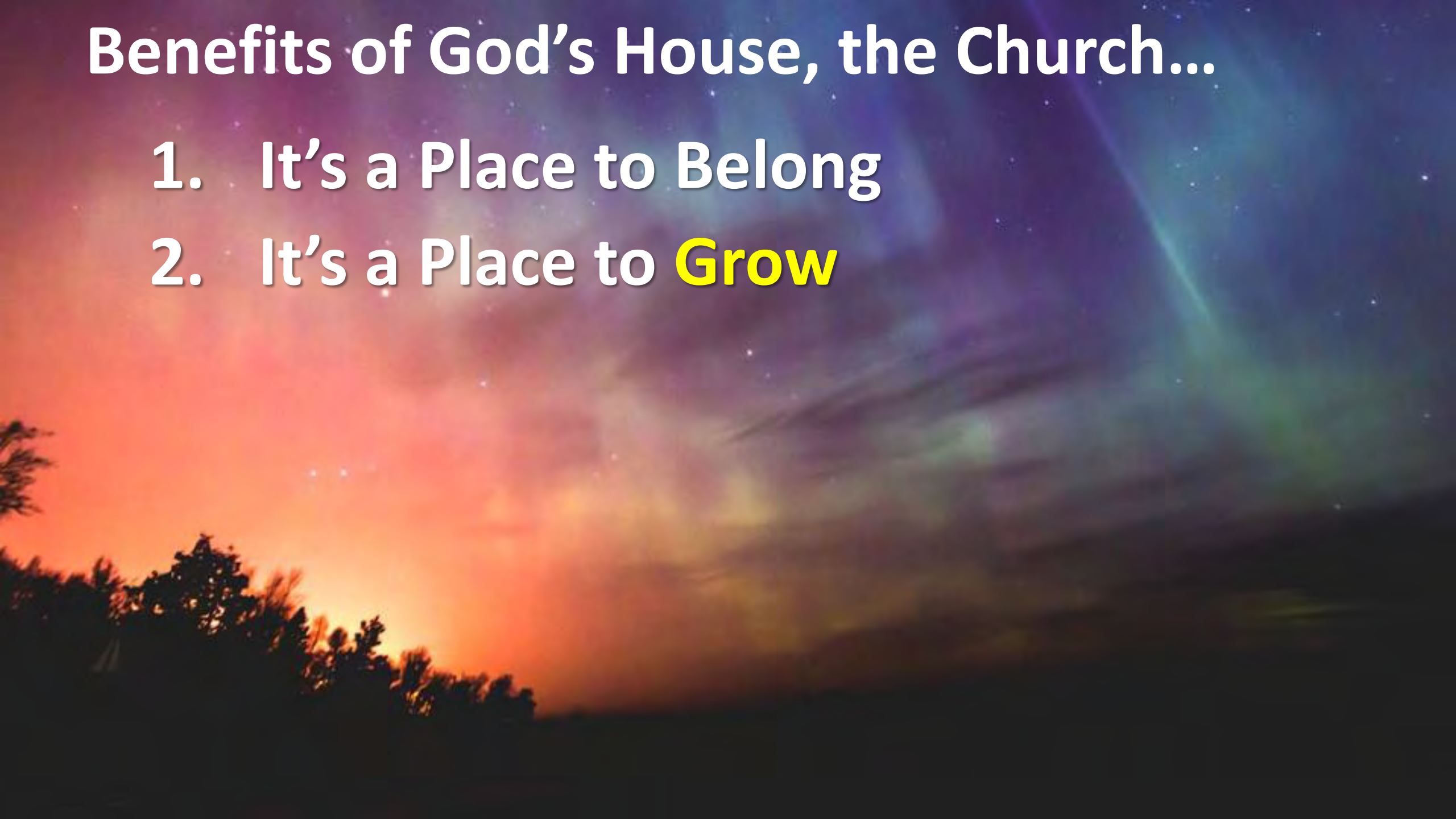
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## 1. It's a Place to **Belong**



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1. It's a Place to Belong
2. It's a Place to **Grow**



Like **newborn babies**, crave pure spiritual  
milk, so that by it you may **grow up**  
in your salvation,

1 PETER 2:2



Therefore, rid yourselves of **all** malice  
and **all** deceit, hypocrisy, envy,  
and slander of **every** kind.

1 PETER 2:1

now that **you have tasted** that  
the Lord is good.

1 PETER 2:3

you also, like living stones, are being  
**built into a spiritual house** to be a holy  
priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices  
acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 PETER 2:5



**QWAWANTINE**

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BEING TOGEVVER... TODAYYY**

**YOU NEVER REALIZED  
HOW ANTI-SOCIAL YOU ARE  
UNTIL THERE'S A PANDEMIC  
AND YOUR LIFE DOESN'T  
REALLY CHANGE THAT MUCH**



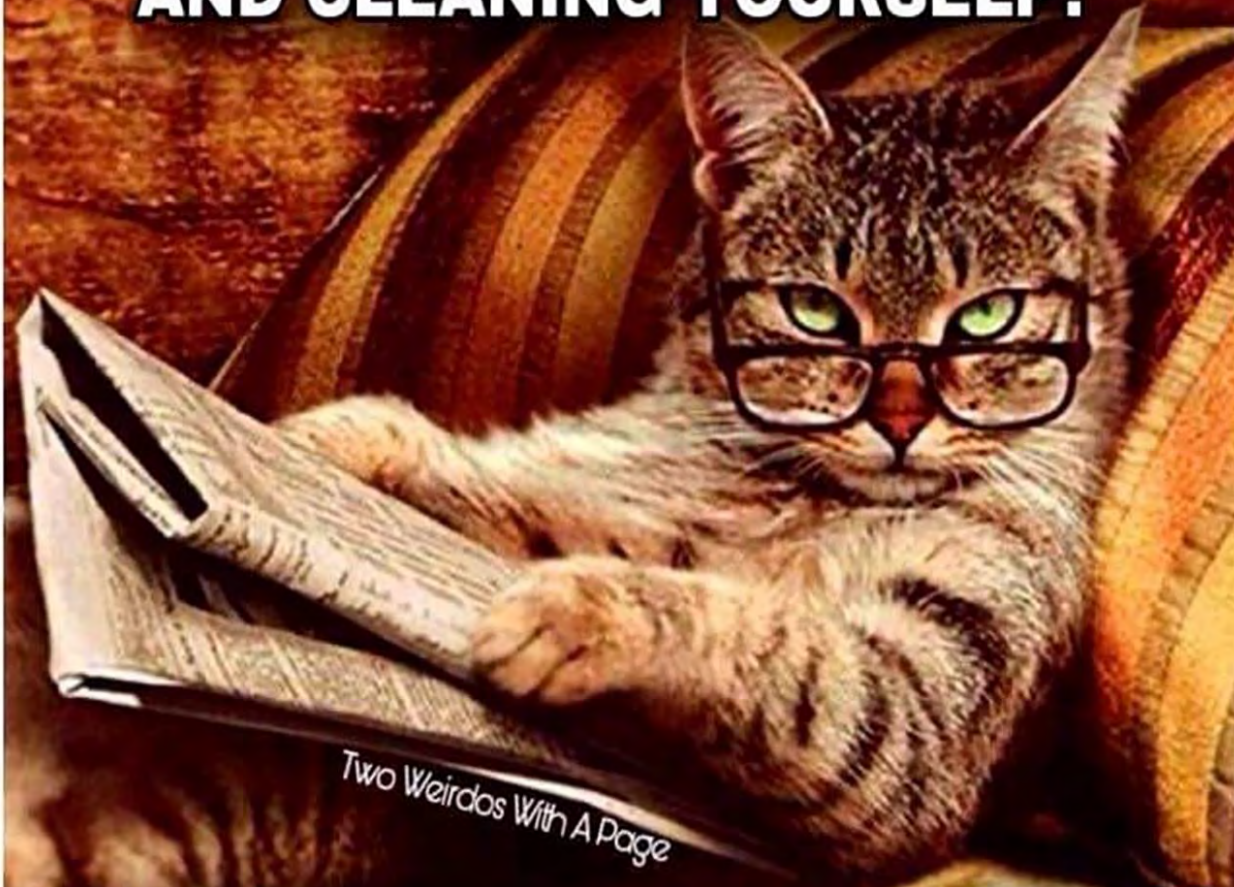


**SOCIAL DISTANCING  
WORLD CHAMPION**





**SO YOU'RE STAYING INSIDE,  
PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING  
AND CLEANING YOURSELF?**



**CONGRATULATIONS MY FRIEND,  
YOU'VE BECOME A HOUSE CAT.**



**ALL OF OUR DOGS  
THINK WE QUIT OUR  
JOBS TO SPEND MORE  
TIME WITH THEM.**

**ALL OF OUR CATS  
THINK WE GOT FIRED  
FOR BEING THE LOSER  
THEY ALWAYS KNEW  
WE WERE.**



# Benefits of God's House, the Church...

1. It's a Place to Belong
2. It's a Place to Grow
3. It's a Place to be **Part of Something Bigger than You.**



And I tell you that you are Peter, and **on this rock I will build my church**, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

MATTHEW 16:18

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3. It's a Place to be Part of Something Bigger than You.
4. It's a Place to **Make Sense of Rejection.**

As you come to him, the living Stone—  
**rejected** by humans but chosen by God  
and precious to him—

1 PETER 2:4




Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,  
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“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it  
hated me first.

JOHN 15:18



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5. It's a Place to **Welcome Others**

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.

1 PETER 2:9

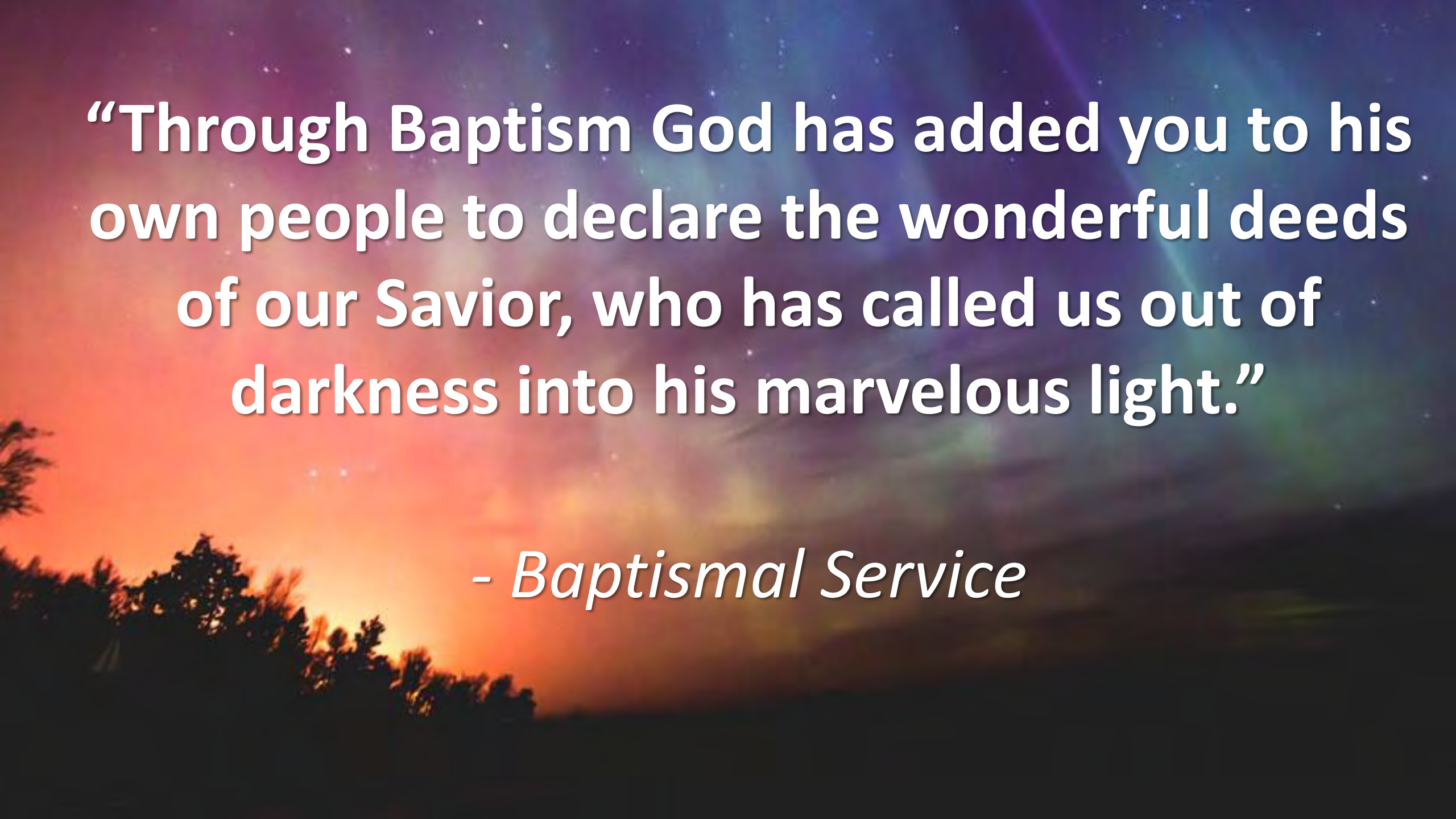
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“Through Baptism God has added you to his own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

- *Baptismal Service*



“We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in his kingdom.”

- *Baptismal Service*



Live such good lives among the pagans that,  
though they accuse you of doing wrong,  
they may **see your good deeds** and  
**glorify God** on the day he visits us.

1 PETER 2:12

