

# *Called to Family*

Romans 12:9-13





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# - The Perfect Church -

If you should find the perfect church  
Without one fault or smear,  
For goodness sake! Don't join that church;  
You'd spoil the atmosphere.  
If you should find the perfect church  
Where all anxieties cease,  
Then pass it by, lest by joining it,  
You'd mar the masterpiece.





But since no perfect church exists,  
Made of imperfect men,  
Then let's cease looking for that church  
And love the church we're in.  
So let's keep working in our church,  
Until the resurrection.  
And then we each will join that Church  
Without an imperfection!"

*By Mavis Williams*





# 1. A Church Family Loves Completely -

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## **A) Love Holds One Another Accountable -**

NIV - v9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

MSG - Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good.

## **B) Love Puts Others First -**

ESV - 10 Love one another with brotherly affection.

Outdo one another in showing honor.

KJV - in honour preferring one another;





## - Spiritual Check List -

- ☒ Be devoted to one another in love.
- ☐ Honor one another above yourselves.
- ☐ Never be lacking in zeal,
- ☐ but keep your spiritual fervor,
- ☐ serving the Lord.
- ☐ Be joyful in hope
- ☐ patient in affliction
- ☐ faithful in prayer.





“God loves me not because I am lovable, but because it is His nature to do so. And now He says to me, ‘show the same love to others – love as I have loved you. I will bring any number of people about you whom you cannot respect, and you must show my love to them as I have shown it to you.’”

- Oswald Chambers -





## 2. A Church Family Commits Wholeheartedly -

10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.





A life totally committed to God has  
nothing to fear, nothing to lose,  
nothing to regret.

*- Pandita Ramabai -*





### 3. A Church Family Shares Freely -

13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need.  
Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:15 - 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice;  
mourn with those who mourn

Galatians 6:2 - "bear one another's burdens."

we are  
**church**





## 4. A Church Family Grows Continually -

Acts 2:47 - And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25).

