

A scenic landscape featuring a sunset over a mountain range. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow and long rays across the sky. The mountains are silhouetted against the light. In the foreground, there are vibrant purple and pink flowers, likely azaleas, in full bloom. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and beautiful.

# Announcements

- June 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship and Prayer Night
- June 4<sup>th</sup> Duvall Days – Take up the mission! Sign up!
- June 5<sup>th</sup> Small Group Sunday
- June 12<sup>th</sup> Visiting Stillwater Church 10:30 am

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“Loving the Family of God”



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I stay away from church...

The church is full of Hypocrites...

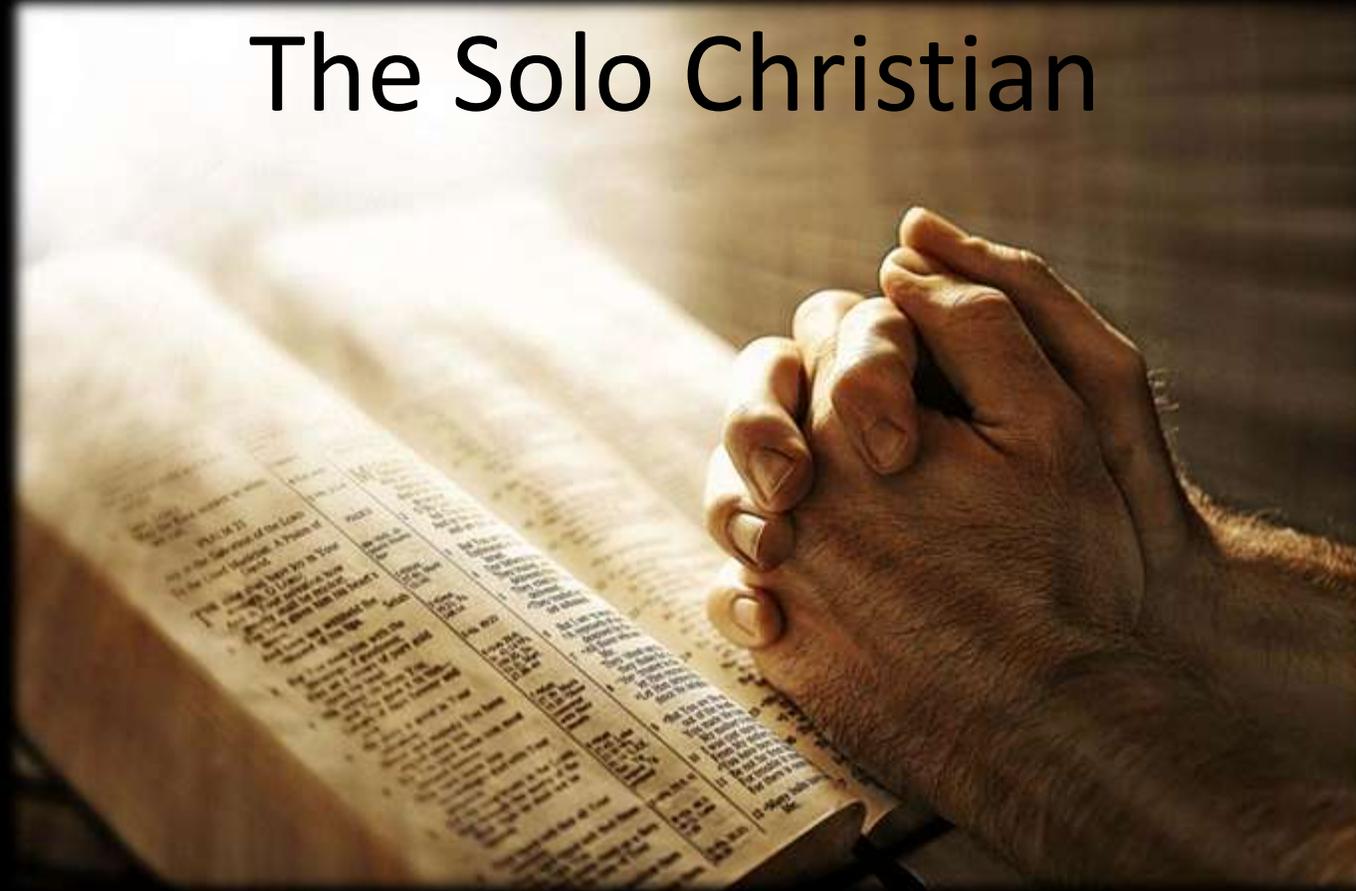
I don't need to join a local church to be a believer in Jesus...

The church just wants my money...

I don't need other Christians to be close to God...



# The Solo Christian



## Ephesians 2:14-22

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. **His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two**, thus making peace, 16 and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and **members of God's household**, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building **is joined together** and rises to become **a holy temple in the Lord**. 22 And in him you too are being **built together** to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. NIV

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## 1 Corinthians 12:26

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. ESV

## Romans 12:5

So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ESV



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Romans 12:6-11

6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is **prophesying**, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is **servicing**, let him serve; if it is **teaching**, let him teach; 8 if it is **encouraging**, let him encourage; if it is **contributing to the needs of others**, let him give generously; if it is **leadership**, let him govern diligently; if it is **showing mercy**, let him do it cheerfully.

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be **devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another** above yourselves. NIV



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**Matthew 12:46-50**

**While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you."**

**He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"**  
Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers."

**For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.” NIV**



# “Loving the Family of God”

Compare the importance of your relationship with your physical family and the family of believers.

1 Timothy 5:3-5, 8

Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need. 4 But if a widow has children or grandchildren, **these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family** and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.

8 If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his **immediate family**, he has **denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.** NIV



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**Galatians 6:9-10**

**9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. NIV**



## 1 John 3:14-24

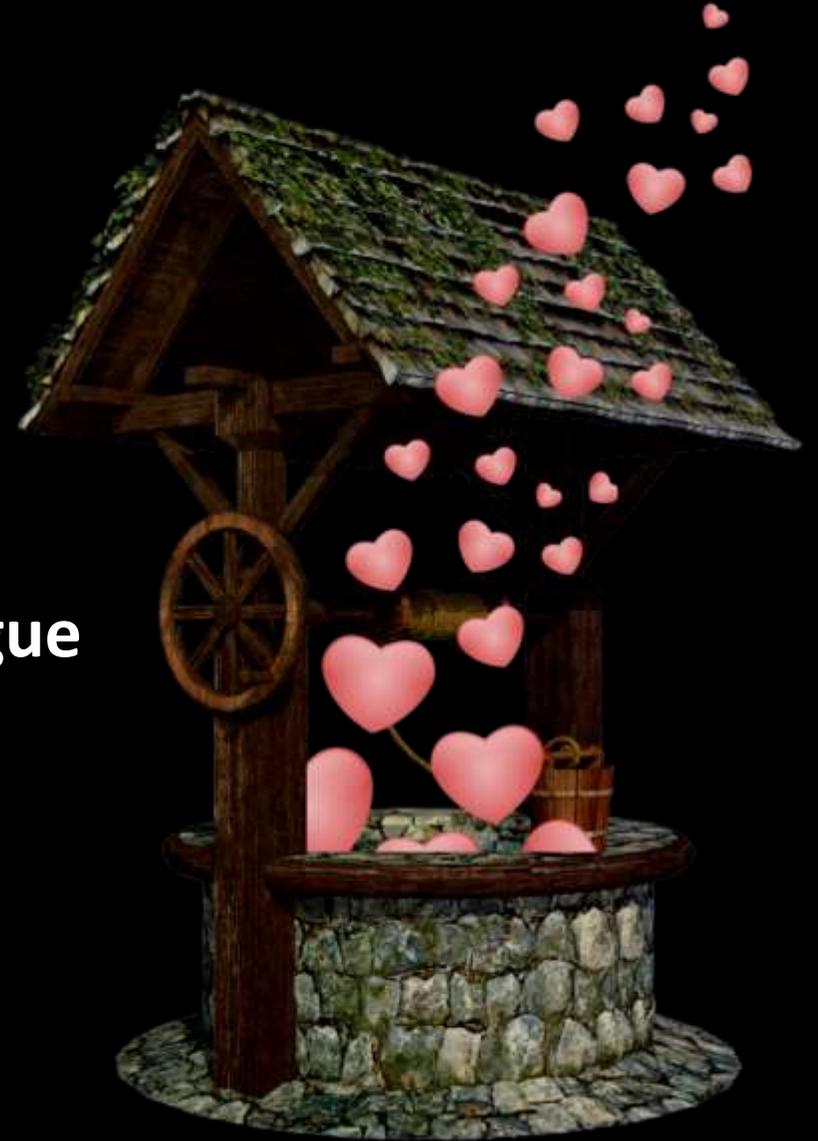
14 We know that we have passed from death to life, **because we love our brothers**. Anyone who does not love remains in death. 15 Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. 16 **This is how we know what love is**: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, **how can the love of God be in him?** 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with **actions and in truth**. 19 This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence 20 whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Dear friends, **if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God** 22 and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. 23 **And this is his command**: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. 24 Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them.

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1 John 3:18

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Regarding your relationship with Christians:

*Are you aligned with God’s perspective?*

*Does your life reflect your answer?*

