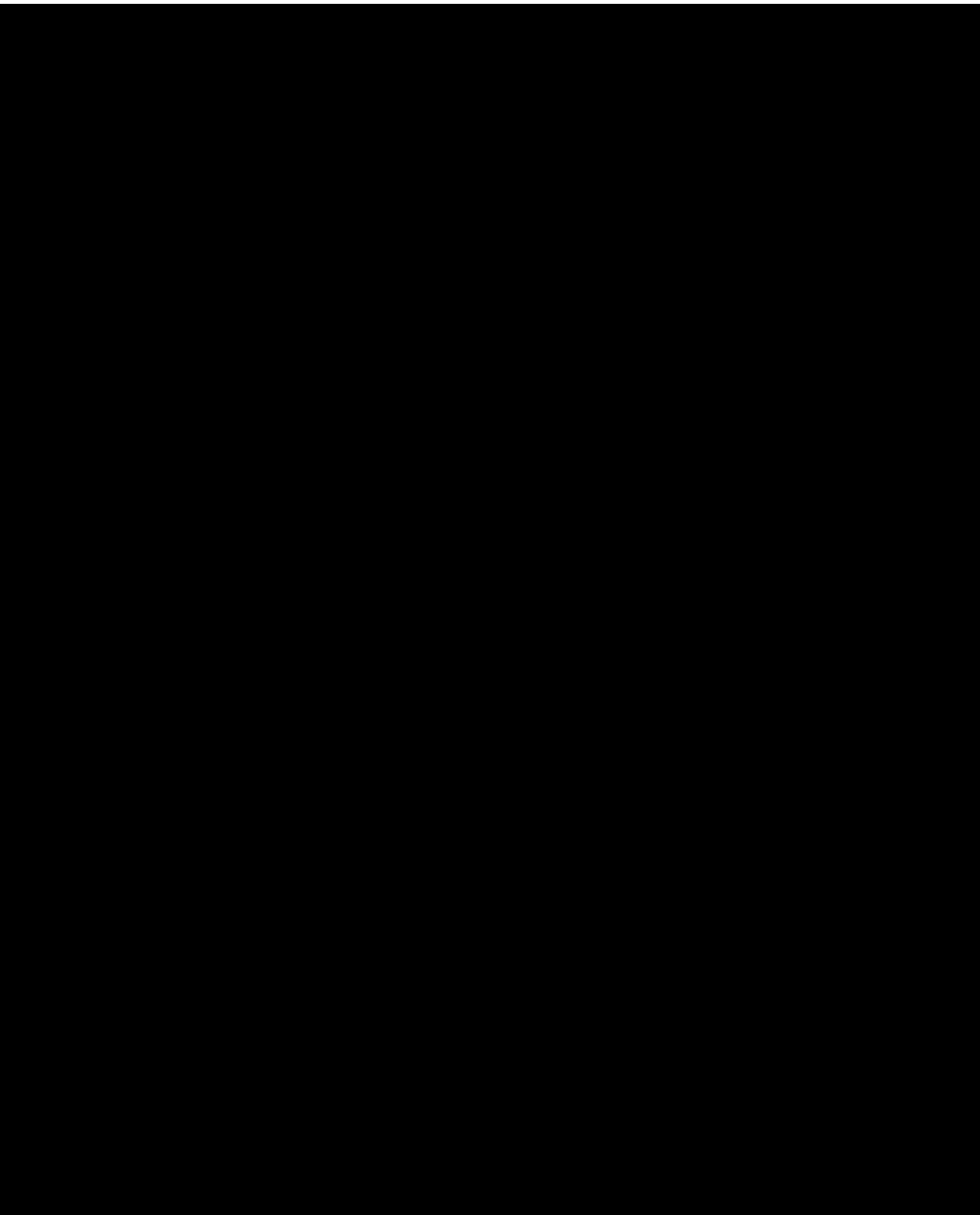




**the flock's
the future!**



belonging

called by God

the nature of this calling

Paul

- servant **His lordship**
- apostle **His service**
- set apart **His glory**

Roman believers

- obedience of faith
- belong to (of) Jesus
- saints

the means of this calling

- the preaching of the gospel (v.5)
- the content of the gospel (vv.2-4)

Romans 1.1-7

belonging

called by God

placed by God

- a particular place
- an identifiable people

*".. every believer should make
a real commitment to belong
to a local church .."*

Tony Merida, 'Love Your Church' [p.28]

belonging

called by God

placed by God

loved by God

- **the Fatherhood of God**
- **the blessings of belonging**

Romans 1.1-7