

The Importance of Membership

Church membership is important because ...

III: It _____ **God:** Eph. 4:11-16, Romans 12:3-8, 1 Cor. 12:18-20, Hebrews 10:22-25

Membership to local church is not a requirement for salvation. However, whenever a Believer engages their own free will towards the things of God, it blesses and pleases Him.

A. it is God's _____ that a Christian become a member of local, Bible-believing, fundamental church. Eph. 4:11-16.

B. It blesses God when we consider His _____ of the local church. Romans 12:3-8, 1 Cor. 12:18-20

C. it blesses God when we _____ near to Him: Heb. 10:22-25

Part of God's design is that we, as believers, understand the importance of the local church and membership to the local church.



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Last week we began our *God's Design of the Local Church* series by looking at the institution of the local Church. We discovered the difference between the local church and the kingdom of God. We also learned of the establishment of the local church, the equipping of the local church, and the expectations of the local church.

This morning we continue by looking at the importance of church membership. As Christians, we are not only citizens of the kingdom of God but we should also become members of a good, solid, Bible-believing, fundamental Baptist church. So why do people hesitate or resist church membership? In many cases, it is because they feel like the benefits of membership don't outweigh the perceived problems of membership.

This morning we'll discover that the benefits of membership and discover three reasons why membership to the local church is important to every Believer.

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Membership is important because ...

I: It is _____: Acts 1:15, 2:1, 2:41, 2:47, 6:2-5,
On the day of Pentecost, we find many transitional develop-
ments that relate to membership from the old testament system
of the law to the new testament church.

A. the church was _____: Acts 1:16
They knew who belonged and who didn't belong

B. they were _____: Acts 2:1
Certainly there were others who had believed on Christ prior to
this point yet we find a specific group of Believers unified with
one accord in one place.

C. they _____ members: Acts 2:41, 2:47
What started as a group of 120 quickly grew to well over 3,000 in
one day. Additional people were added to membership as they
were saved and baptized.

D. they _____: Acts 6:2-5
The new church at Jerusalem was to look among themselves for
those qualified to be deacons. The seven that they selected
would have most likely been voted on out of the over 3,000
members.

The Bible says ... ***let all things be done decently and in order*** (1
Cor. 14:40). Without membership and without a constitution, the
church opens itself up to division and chaos.

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II: It _____ Us together: Romans 10:12-13,
John 17:17, 1 Cor. 6:19, Rev. 5:9

The church belongs to Jesus. He loves us, He died for us and
binds us together in Himself.

A. Jesus binds us together in _____:
Romans 10:12-13

Membership identifies that we are all saved in the same man-
ner.

B. Jesus binds us together in _____:
John 17:17

The local church is not bound together by common reasoning,
emotions, or worldly philosophies but rather we are bound
together by the Word of God.

C. Jesus binds us together by the _____
Holy Spirit of God: 1 Cor. 6:19

The same Spirit guiding you according to all truth is also guid-
ing me according to all truth.

D. Jesus binds us together by His _____:
Rev. 5:9

Church membership unifies and binds believers together be-
cause through the membership process we come to know
what the Bible teaches pertaining to core doctrines and what
others believe.