



We Are the Church

Part 2: Church Membership

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Church Membership is a _____ relationship between a local church and a Christian.

Church Membership is characterized by the church's _____ of a Christian's salvation and _____ in their discipleship.

The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children. - Romans 8:16

Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20

Church Membership is characterized by the Christian's _____ to living out his or her discipleship in the care of the church.

Church Membership includes the _____ process of becoming a member.

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Building a biblical case for Church Membership:

Exhibit A – We use words that don't exist in the Bible to describe _____ that do exist in the Bible.

Exhibit B – The dominant usage of the word " _____ " in the New Testament.

Exhibit C – Church membership has _____ existed.

Exhibit D – There are _____ of people in the Bible.

See: 1 Timothy 5:9-11, Philippians 4:3, Revelation 21:27

Exhibit E – Certain biblical obligations _____ be fulfilled apart from the practice of Church Membership.

Obey your leaders and submit to them, since they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account, so that they can do this with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. - Hebrews 13:17

Also see 1 Peter 5:1-4

If your brother sins against you, go tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won your brother. But if he won't listen, take one or two others with you, so that by the testimony of two or three witnesses every fact may be established. If he doesn't pay attention to them, tell the church. If he doesn't pay attention even to the church, let him be like a Gentile and a tax collector to you. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven. - Matthew 18:15-18