

“I will Build My Church” - Part 7

Acts 2:41-47



Key 6: Membership

The Church is _____ and _____

I. Basis for Biblical Membership (Acts 2:41-47)

- The church continued to grow numerically (Acts 4:4)
- Most references to the church in the New Testament describe it locally.
- Described as a _____, _____ and _____
_____ collection of people who are committed to Christ and each other.
- Since we can be _____, we must also be able to be _____.
_____ (1 Cor. 5:1-2)

II. Biblical Membership Means:

- A. Commitment (Heb 10:23-25)
 - *Involved or Committed?*
- B. Responsibility (1 John 3:18)
 - *To _____ one another.*
- C. Salvation Affirmation (1 John 2:19)
 - *Progression not Perfection*

III. Biblical Membership is Meaningful

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- Qualifications and Duties of Church Membership. (202-3)
- **202-3.1 Qualifications.** Anyone desiring to be a member of the *BFC* shall give testimony and evidence of faith in Christ and the new birth. He shall be in sympathy with the *F&O*, be baptized by immersion subsequent to salvation, and manifest holiness toward God and separation from the world. (Acts 2:41-47)

What are the Responsibilities of Membership?

202-3.2 Duties:

1. To live in keeping with the standards of the church as found in our *Faith and Order* (John 17:15-17)
2. To use your _____ and _____ within the body (Eph. 4:11-16, Rom. 12:3-8)
3. To minister under the direction of the church. (Hebrews 13:7)
4. To bear the message of the church to the outside world. (Acts 1:8)
5. To _____ for your church family and its ministries. (Rom. 10:1)
6. To support the church financially. (1 Cor. 9:13,14)
7. To submit to the Elders as God given authorities in the church. (Heb. 13:17)
8. To attend faithfully the church meetings. (Hebrews 10:25)
9. To observe the _____ or _____.
_____. (1 Cor. 11:23-28)
10. To show care and concern for other members of the church. (John 13:34,35)

In short, become a vital part of a team that wants to love God while loving others!

Application:

- Non-members:
 - Prayerfully consider committing to membership.
 - Speak with Pastor Dick Bickings or any Pastor/Elder.
 - Membership Class coming in October.
- Members:
 - Take part in the joy of membership.
 - Prayerfully consider your commitment & responsibility.
 - Come to the **Midyear Congregational Meeting tonight:**
Potluck dinner 5:00-6:00, Meeting 6:00-7:30.