

Church Stuff: Why Join a Church?

Eph 4:12-16; Heb. 10:19-25; Rom. 12

I. The Basis for Membership

- A. The NT is all about the _____.
- B. Biblical basis for church membership (1 Cor 5.1-13; 1 Tim. 5.9; Ac 6.1-7)

II. The Covenant of Membership (Ac 2.42-47; Rom. 12.10)

III. The Expectations of Membership

- A. _____ (Heb. 10.25; Ac 2.41-47)
- B. _____ (Ac 2.45; 4.34; 2 Cor 8-9; Mal. 3.9-11)
- C. _____ (Rom. 12.1-8; 1 Cor. 12; 1 Pe. 4.10)
- D. _____ (Ac 2.42; Rom. 12.9-21)

Questions to Ask Before Joining a Church

1. Has God led me here?
2. Can I minister here?
3. Do I support the mission/vision of the church?
4. Do I buy into the strategy/methodology of the church?
5. Do I trust the leadership of the church?
6. Do I agree with the doctrine of the church/leadership?

Wrong Reasons to Join a Church

1. To be buried in the church cemetery
2. I like the music.
3. I like the programs/services (i.e., I am a consumer.).
4. I'm mad at my former church/pastor/leadership.

IV. The Privileges of Membership

- A. Spiritual strength and _____. (Heb. 10.22-25; 13.17)
- B. Ministry _____ and the use of spiritual gifts.
- C. _____ in the decisions of the church. (Ac 6)
- D. _____ ministry in time of need. (Ac 2; Rom. 12)
- E. Get to _____! (Mt. 28.18-20)