



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Ephesians 4:4-6 “There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning,
God created the heavens and the
earth.”

John 10:30 “I and the Father are one.”

Matthew 28:19 “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”

Genesis 1:26-27 “Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... So God created man in his own image...”

Matthew 18:15-17 “If your brother sins against you, ¹go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, ²take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

17 If he refuses to listen to them, ³tell it to *the church*. And if he refuses to listen even to *the church*, ⁴let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Matthew 18:20 “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them”

1 Corinthians 5:12-13 “For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? ¹³ God judges those outside. ‘Purge the evil person from among you.’”

Acts 20:28 “Pay careful attention to yourselfs and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.”

1 Peter 5:2-3 “Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.”

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 “We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work.”

Hebrews 13:17 “Obey your
leaders and submit to them, for
they are keeping watch over your
souls, as those who will have to
give an account. Let them do this
with joy and not with groaning, for
that would be of no advantage to
you.”

Romans 12:4-8 “For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”

1 Corinthians 12:12-20 “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

¹⁵ If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.”

Matthew 16:15-19 “He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, ‘**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**’ ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For *flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.*’ ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and **on this rock** I will build **my church**, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and **whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**”

Matthew 18:17-18 “If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”