

Practical Ecclesiology Series: Church Membership

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I. Allegiance

Key Truth: Jesus Has A Specific Place For You In His Church

II. Choosing Our Family

Hebrews 11:24-28

III. Intentionally Separate

2nd Corinthians 6:14-18

IV. The Company We Keep

Mid-Week Devotion (Take time to pray & respond to the following)

Allegiance is the investment of resources, efforts, and devotion toward a specific end or to a distinct organization. Membership in an organization or group is therefore an expression of allegiance to its goals, mission, and fellow members. These ideas and actions exist because God created human beings to be social and to be in community. He created people for a purpose and has a unique purpose for each individual. Jesus has a specific place for you in His Church. This is true at the local church level and in the “Church Universal.”

Church membership, though not explicitly stated in the Bible, is an implied concept that echoes throughout the New Testament. God’s Word teaches us about the various roles in His church, commands us to be role-models of Christlikeness, and calls us to mutual accountability. Unity in Christ strengthens us as people who are living together in this world but who are intentionally separate from this world’s rebellion against God. The company that we keep matters. To whom or what we give our allegiance really does matter.

Church membership is not what saves a person and it is not the litmus test of legitimate faith in Christ. It is a commitment and a choice that should result from seeking God’s will and being obedient to His call to learn, grow, and serve in Christian community. Do you take church membership seriously? Have you asked God to help you understand where He wants you to be and how He wants you to be involved? Have you considered the tremendous blessing that it is to be part of something good, godly, and lasting that can make a life-changing impact on other people’s lives?

Prayerfully ask the Lord to guide you in the area of church affiliation, involvement, and support. Tell the Lord about your hopes and concerns in these matters. Thank Him for making a place for you in His eternal kingdom and in this present Church Age. Commit to be a faithful follower of Christ and an active member of His local church.