

Why Join a Church

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There are many questions about the topic of church membership. The most important is, "What does the Bible say about it?"

BIBLICAL INDICATIONS OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

1. The instructions for church **A**_____ make sense only in the context of membership (1 Cor. 5:11-13).
2. The meaning of the words "A_____" or "J_____" in Acts 5:13 makes sense only in the context of membership.
3. The instructions for pastoral **O**_____ and spiritual **L**_____ make sense only in the context of membership (1 Tim. 3:1, 5; Heb. 13:17).
4. The **M**_____ used to describe local churches make sense only in the context of membership (Eph. 2:21; 1 Cor. 12:27; 1 Tim. 3:15).

BIBLICAL REASONS FOR JOINING A CHURCH

1. You prove that you're not **A**_____ to identify with Christ or His people.
2. You stop being an **I**_____ Christian and place yourself under the accountable protection of other Christians.

3. You participate in a stronger, more **U**_____ effort of God's people to obey Christ's commands to reach others.
4. You have a greater **O**_____ to use your spiritual gift "for the common good."
5. You openly **D**_____ the reality of the body of Christ.
6. You participate in a more **B**_____ ministry than you can otherwise experience.
7. You **E**_____ a ministry when you consider it faithful and join it.

BIBLICAL APPLICATION