

# Planted in God's House

## Why Church Membership Matters

**Membership Matters Because God Saves Us \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_**

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." — *1 Corinthians 12:27*

"The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!'" — *1 Corinthians 12:21*

**Belonging brings \_\_\_\_\_**

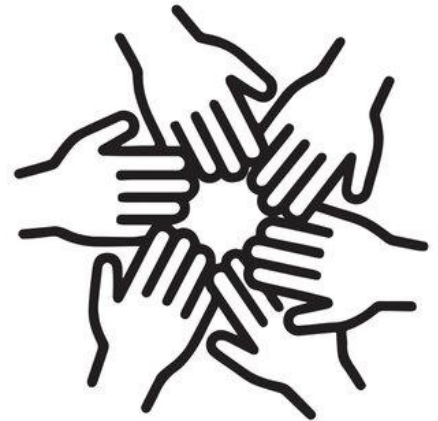
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"But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be." — *1 Corinthians 12:18*

**Belonging Is God's \_\_\_\_\_**

"So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." — *Romans 12:5*



**Membership Matters Because It \_\_\_\_\_ Who We Are and Whose We Are**

"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day." — *Acts 2:41*

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." — *Acts 2:42*

**Membership makes \_\_\_\_\_ possible**

**Membership Matters Because It Brings Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ Through Accountability**

"Expel the wicked man from among you." — *1 Corinthians 5:13*

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account." — *Hebrews 13:17*

**Mutual accountability brings spiritual \_\_\_\_\_**

"Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." — *1 Peter 5:8, NIV 1984*

"To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ""Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; ""not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ""And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away." — *1 Peter 5:1–4*

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Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." — *Galatians 6:2*

### **Membership Matters Because It Is How We Practice the “\_\_\_\_\_”**

"But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." — *Hebrews 3:13*

"You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love." — *Galatians 5:13*

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." — *James 5:16*

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." — *Hebrews 10:24*

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves." — *Romans 12:10*

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another..." — *Hebrews 10:25*

### **Membership Matters Because God Builds Us Into a \_\_\_\_\_ Together**

"You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood..." — *1 Peter 2:5*

"You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household." — *Ephesians 2:19*

### **Membership is God's way of making the \_\_\_\_\_ church \_\_\_\_\_**

### **Membership Brings the Benefits of Loving \_\_\_\_\_**

"It was he who gave some to be... pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." — *Ephesians 4:11–12*

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." — *John 10:11*

### **Membership Brings the Blessing of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." — *John 15:8*

### **Membership Enables Us to Fulfill the Great \_\_\_\_\_ Together**

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." — *Matthew 28:19*

"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." — *Ephesians 4:16*

### **Membership gives your gifts a \_\_\_\_\_**

"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." — *1 Corinthians 12:7*

### **The \_\_\_\_\_ of Being Planted**