

Series: You Asked For It 2020!

Title: What is the Church and why is important to be a Member? Why Join the Church?

Text: Luke 6:12-18

What is the Church?

What is it to you? A building?

What is it to God?

(1 Tim 3:15) "*Pillar & Ground of Truth*"

It belongs to Him. (Matt 16:18) "*Build MY Church*"

It is a glorious & Holy thing – (Eph 5:27)

Christ gave himself for on Cross – (Eph 5:25)

It is where God does His work – (Eph 3:20)

It is where God gets Glory – (Eph 3:21)

It is where God receives His Tithes & Offerings as a sign of Worship. (1 Cor 16:2)

It is where God meets with His people

(Gen 13:3-4) Abram's Altar at Bethel

(Ex 33:21-23) "*there is a place by me*"

When did it start?

(Lk 6:12-16) "*He chose 12*"

(Mk 3:13-14) "*Ordained 12*"

What is it made up of? Saved People!

(1 Cor 12:28) First the Apostles.

(Eph 2:19-22) Made of People

(1Cor 12:12-27) Every Church Member Matters

Where is the Church at?

The church was known by its location such as in ...
(2 Cor 1:1) "*the church of God which is at Corinth*"
(Col 4:16) "*the church of the Laodiceans;*";
(1 Thes 1:1) "*the church of the Thessalonians*";

How do I become a part of this thing?

1. **Have to be saved** (Acts 2:41) *received his word*
2. **Have to be baptized** (Acts 2:41)

What is its purpose?

(1 Tim 3:15) *Pillar and Ground of the Truth!*

(Jn 4:23-24) *Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.*

(Matt 28:19-20) *The Great 3 fold Commission!*

Why is Church so Important?

It's a Command! (Heb 10:25)

We need it! (Heb 10:24) to encourage us!

(1 Tim 5:20) To correct us!

(Rom 10:17) Our Faith Grows!

(1 Cor 1:21) People get saved !

7 sins of Unfaithfulness:

1. **Fail to Bring God Glory-**(Eph 3:21)

2. **Fail to Give God Praise-**(Ps 107:32; 111:1)

3. **Fail to Bring God His Tithes-**(Mal 3:8-11,
1Co 16:2)

4. **Fail to Worship God by Obeying the
command to Assemble:** (Heb 10:25)

5. **Fail to Encourage, exhort others to love & good works:** (Heb 10:24)
6. **Fail to raise our children in the nurture & admonition:** (Eph 6:4)
7. **Grieve the Holy Spirit:** (Eph 4:30)

Baptism Adds us to the church: (Acts 2:41)
Baptism is a Public Identification with the Christ,
(Mk 8:38)

Join by Statement being baptized in a church of Like Faith and order:

First thing Paul did when arriving in Jerusalem was to Join FBCJ. (Acts 9:26)

Letter from a church of like Faith & Order
(Rom 16:1-2) Phoebe hand carried her church letter.
- Member at FBC Corinth

(Phil 2:29) Epaphroditus hand carried his church letter. - Member at FBC Rome

(Col 4:10) Tychicus hand carried his church letter.
- Member FBC Rome

Why is Church so Important?

To the Christian, it is our Embassy Building
The Church is a little spot of Heaven in an alien land.

A Local, Visible, Assembly, of Baptized Believers who have covenanted together to carry out God's Great commission.

**What is the Church? THE PEOPLE
Where is the Church? WHERE THE People Assemble**

If you are not a Member, its time to join.
Membership has it's Privileges/Responsibilities