

Series: Authentic Christianity

Title: Saved Church Membership

Text: (II Cor 6:14-18) *Equally Yoked*

What you believe Matters:

(Amos 3:3) *Can two walk together accept they be agreed?*

B - Biblical Authority

A - Autonomy of the Local Church

P - Priesthood of the Believer

T - Two Ordinances

I - Individual Soul Liberty

S - Saved Church Membership:

What does it take to be a Church Member?

How do I become a part of a Local Church?

FIRST Scriptural Salvation:

(Acts 2:41-47) In every Instance

(Acts 16:30-34)

If a person is truly saved, they are saved for all eternity.

(Jn 3:16; 10:27-30; Rom 8:29-39)(2 Cor 13:5)

SECOND Scriptural Baptism:

Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:36-37) Have to be Saved 1st!

Christ's Death Burial & Resurrection: (Rom 6:3-5)

Christ's Teaching & Scriptural Doctrines: (Acts 19:3-6)

THIRD Scriptural Service:

Everyone has a work to do: (I Cor 12:4-11, 18) (Eph 4:16)

T - Two Officers of the church: (Phil 1:1)

(1 Tim 3:1-7; "*Likewise*" 8-13)

The Bible's Pattern for Spiritual Leadership.

I. Their Designation:

II. Their Qualifications:

Pastor: = Overseer or Bishop. (Eph 4:11)

(1 Tim 5:17) "*Rule Well*"

A Pastor is worthy of respect: (1 Thess 5:12-13)

III. Their Duties: (Acts 20:28)

a. Shepherd: (1 Pet 5:2)

b. Ensamples: (1 Pet 5:3)

c. Watchmen: (Heb 13:17)

d. Rulers: (1 Tim 5:17)

e. Prophets: (1 Cor 12:28)

IV. Their Dangers: (1 Pet 5:1-5)

a. Heartlessness: (vs 2) "Not by constraint, but willingly."

b. Selfishness: (vs 2) "Not for filthy lucre"

c. Pride: (vs 3) *Neither as being lords over God's heritage*

V. Their Reward: (1 Pet 5:4)

Deacons: (Acts 6:1-7) (1 Tim 3:1-13).

S - Separation of the Church

Separation of Church from State Control: (Matt 22:15-22)

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD... (Ps 33:12)

(Luke 12:13,14; Psalm 72:11)

God is the higher authority: (Acts 5:29)(Matt 10:28)(Acts 4:18,19)(Rom 13:1-7) (Titus 3:1) (I Peter 2:13-17)

We are to pray for our government & leadership.
(1 Tim 2:1-4)

We are to be salt & light in our generation: (Matt 5:13,14)
Government has the responsibility to protect innocent citizens and punish evil doers (Romans 13:1, 6).

The church, on the other hand, was commissioned to take the Gospel into the world and not to govern nations (Matt 28:19–20; Acts 5:27–29).

Separation From the World: (2 Cor 6:14 - 7:1)

Worldly Pleasures (1 Jn 2:15-17)

Worldly Logic (1 Tim 6:20-21)

Worldly Methods (Is 55:8-9; 2 Chron 29:1-5)

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Two offices