

Series: You Asked For It 2023!

Title: What is the Church,
Why is important that I be a Member?

Text: (1 Tim 3:15)

What is the Church?

What is it to you? A building?

What is the Church 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)

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

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

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

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

Why is Church Important?

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

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

When did the Church Start? (Matt 16:18)

(Jn 1:42) Cephas=A Stone - A Pebble. (1 Pet 2:6-8)

Paul said (1 Cor 12:28) *1st Church was the Apostles*

So it started when *"He chose 12"* (Lk 6:12-16)

He *"Ordained 12"* (Mark 3:13-14) (My Opinion)

(1 Cor 12:28) First the Apostles.

(Eph 2:19-22) Fitly Framed/Cohesive: Made of People

Every Church Member Matters: (1Cor 12:18, 25-27)

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 "*;

It is a Local visible Called Out Assembly of People

Why is Church Attendance so Important?

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

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

We Need the Church!

To Correct Us! (1 Tim 5:20)

To Grow Our Faith:(Rom 10:17)

So Our Community will get Saved! (1 Cor 1:21)

How do I join the Church?

1. Baptism: (Acts 2:41) *"Added"*

2. Join by Statement: (Acts 9:26)

3. Letter from a church of like Faith & Order

(Rom 16:1-2) Phoebe-Member at FBC Corinth

(Phil 2:29) Epaphroditus-Member at FBC Rome

(Col 4:10) Tychicus- Member FBC Rome

What is the purpose of the Church?

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

(Eph 3:21) He gets His glory in the Church.

"Unto him be glory in the church"

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

(2 Tim 2:2) Raise up multiplying Disciples!

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

How TO Go to Church

- I. **Start off Right! Start Saturday Night!**
 - a. **Clothes** (Ex 19:10) *“Wash their Clothes”*
 - b. **Lunch** – (Ecc 9:7)
 - c. **Baths** – Mentioned 18 times
 - d. **Devotions** –(Ps 57:8)

- II. **Show up Right! Ps 63:1, Ps 108:1-3**
 - a. **Show UP!** (Jn 20:24-25)
 - b. **Arrive Early** (Jn 8:1-2)(Prov 8:17)

- III. **Behave Right!** (I Tim 3:15)
 - a. **Smile** – (Prov 27:17)
 - b. **Be Friendly:**(Prov 18:24)(Gal 2:9)
 - c. **Park in the Back/ Sit Down Front** –
 - d. **Sing Out** -
 - e. **Say Amen** – (Duet 27:15-26)(Ps 106:48)**Water & Fodder b/4, between, & after Services.**

- IV. **Finish Right!**
 - a. Start to the Altar on the 1st verse. (1 Pet 5:6-7)
Don't leave during the invitation.

- V. **Leave Right!** Leave planning to return service.
Heb 10:24-25
 - a. 3 to Thrive
 - b. God made the church because we need it. *Illus:*
If we willingly stay home, we are not right with God!

It is can't be all it should be w/o you.

You Need it, You can't be all you should be w/o it.

Join it, Attend It, Love It, Grow It, Give to It. Pray For It.

Why is the Church important?

God Created it for us

God Commands we be an active part of it.