

Is Church Membership Biblical?

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Introduction: Why Should We Commit to a Church?

I. For Our Own Good

- It provides accountability (Heb. 13:17; 1 Thess. 5:12–13).
- It helps us persevere (1 Thess. 5:11; 1 Tim. 4:16; Matt. 18:15–20; 1 Cor. 5).
- It gives us assurance.

II. For the Good for Your Leaders

- It signals to the leaders that you are placing yourself under their care (Heb. 13:17; 1 Peter 5:2–3).

III. For the Good of Others

- It provides the opportunity for you to exercise your spiritual gifts (Rom. 12:4–8).

IV. For the Good of Unbelievers

- The local church is God's tool to advance his kingdom.
- Converts were added to the local church (Acts 2:41, 47; 4:4).
- Missionary endeavors centered on the local (Acts 13:1–4; 14:26–28).
- Epistles were written to local churches.

V. Conclusion (Eph. 5:25–27)