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What's the hold up?

AUG 14 // WEEK 2 // PASTOR JOE BOYD

NOTES PART 1

Where is "Church membership" in the Bible?

When you look at Scripture, you won't find the word "membership." But that's not much of an argument against membership since the word "Trinity" isn't in the Bible either. The concept is.

W.O.R.M.S.

W = Widows

No widow is to be enrolled on the list for support unless she is at least sixty years old, has been the wife of one husband. - **1 Timothy 5:9**

O = Of us

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

- **1 John 2:19**

R = Remove this man

You are so proud of yourselves, but you should be mourning in sorrow and shame. And you should remove this man from your fellowship. - **1 Corinthians 5:2**

M = Majority punishes

This punishment by the majority is sufficient for that person. - **2 Corinthians 2:6**

S = Spur one another

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. - **Hebrews 10:24-25**

What does church membership help us accomplish?

- Love one another (John 13:34, 1 John 4:7, 11).
- Honor one another (Romans 12:10).
- Live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16).
- Accept one another (Romans 15:7).
- Instruct one another (Romans 15:14).
- Comfort one another (2 Corinthians 13:11).
- Serve one another (Galatians 5:13).
- Forgive one another (Colossians 3:13).
- Encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18, 5:11).
- Pray for one another (James 5:16).
- Show hospitality to one another (1 Peter 4:9).
- Greet one another (1 Peter 5:14).

Why is it important to join a local church? (See 2nd page)

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NOTES PART 2

In joining a church, we make visible our commitment to Christ and His people.

- Jesus purchased the church with His own blood (Acts 20:28).
- Jesus' church is the fullness of Him (Ephesians 1:23).
- Jesus called the church His bride (Ephesians 5:23, Revelation 19:7).
- Jesus says to persecute the church is to persecute Him (Acts 9:4).
- Jesus says He will build His church (Matthew 16:18).
- Jesus says the gates of Hades will not prevail against His church (Matthew 16:18).
- Jesus says He loves the church and will sanctify the church (Ephesians 5:25-26).
- Jesus cherishes the church (Ephesians 5:29).
- Jesus is the Head of the church (Colossians 1:18).
- Jesus says the church is His body (Rom. 12:4), His flock (1 Peter 5:2-3), and His family (Eph. 2:19).

Why is it important to be under the leadership of a local pastor?

Care and accountability are impossible without a local church membership.

"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account." - **Hebrew 13:17**
Local pastors do what podcasts can't.

How did Jesus describe the local church?

Consider the Metaphors of the Church

Throughout the Scriptures, we see the Church referenced as the family of God, the body of Christ, the flock of God and part of God's Kingdom.

To not join a church is to, in effect, say:

- I don't want to be a part of His family (we are orphaned)
- I don't want to be a part of His body (we are dismembered)
- I don't want to be a part of His flock (we are isolated)
- I don't want to be a part of His kingdom (we are exiled)

Who can be a member of a church?

"Then he said: 'The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard. And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.'" - **Acts 22:14-16**

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