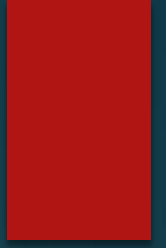




Church Membership

DOES GOD REALLY CARE?

Matthew 28:18-20



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Ephesians 4:11-12

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ”

Acts 2:37-47

The pattern at work:

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“*Gladly received his word* (gospel)”
– they were saved

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The pattern at work:

“Were baptized”

– baptism, an association with the *death, burial and resurrection* of Jesus Christ

Acts 2:37-47

The pattern at work:

“Same day...were added unto them”

– became part of the Jerusalem
Church

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The pattern at work:

***“Continued steadfastly in...doctrine
and fellowship”***

– instruction & edification

The New Testament Pattern



1. Salvation
2. Baptism
3. Church Membership
4. Committed Growth
through Instruction

What are the requirements for church membership?

1. Salvation
2. Baptism

Practical Issues:

- You should join a church that you can align with **doctrinally**
- The candidate for church membership should not be living in **sin worthy of church discipline**,
Matthew 18; 1 Corinthians 5

Is Local Church membership
important to Jesus?

Revelation 1:10-20

Seven candlesticks – seven local churches

Seven angels (messengers) – Pastors,
ordained by those 7 churches

Two edged sword – word of God

Is Local Church membership
important to Jesus?

Yes.

It is a natural step of obedience
in the spiritual growth
of a believer.