

"Membership, Really??"

1 Cor 12:12-27 (**ref**)

Membership Into The Body Of Christ

1. Belief in Jesus, acting on that belief
2. Water Baptism

Local Church Membership (**maybe 2 slides?**)

~Acts 1:15, 2:41, 2:47, 4:4; Romans 16:1-24; 1 Tim 5:9 (**refs**)

~Christianity Today, July 2, 2018, Ed Stetzer
"expression of covenant connectedness to a church"

~Cyprian "He can no longer have God for his Father, who has not the church for his mother." (On The Unity Of The Church)

~Donald Whitey: flock, temple, body, household

Hebrews 13:17 (**ref**) Matt Chandler, Village Church, Dallas

- a) if no membership, who would the Christian obey and submit to?
- b) who is the leader accountable for?

1 Corinthians 5:1-5, 9-12 (**refs**)

~v5 "release to Satan"

~v11-12 "named a brother", "judge those inside"

Acts 5:11-14 (**ref**)

~v11 "great fear"

~v13 "dared not join"

~v14 "believers added"

Why Membership At NLC (**2 slides?**)

1. Helps us know who is committed to the church

~Acts 2:44 "together", "in common"

2. Doctrinal Purity

~2 Tim 3:16 "all scripture.."

3. Shoulder The Main Responsibilities of Serving and Giving

~Acts 6:3, 1 Cor 16:1(**refs**)

4. Establish A Greater Effectiveness

12...70...120.3000...5000 "multitudes"

~Acts 1:8, Eccl 4:9-10 (**refs**)

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YES!!

Sept 25, Oct 4, Oct 11, 7pm

YOU are invited!