

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Lesson #1 The Joining in Membership in This Baptist Church

"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Acts 2:41

This is an independent _____ Church. The "independent" meaning autonomous in that this local church is under the _____ of Christ and the leadership of the Holy Spirit is self-governing, self-propagating and self-supporting. This means that there is no hierarchy or papacy or any outside influence that tells this church how to _____ or handle the business of the church. The "Baptist" in our name stands for: The Bible is our _____ authority for faith and practice.

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Matthew 28:18

I. The Great Commission Is Given to The Local Church (Matthew 28:18-20)

If the church will be here until the _____ of the world then it has to propagate and plant churches. In the Book of Acts we see the same local church meeting for prayer and in Acts two preaching the Gospel and baptizing the converts (Acts 1:14-17; Acts 2:1,41)

II. The Two Church Ordinances Are Given to The Local Church (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:41; I Corinthians 11:23-26)

The _____ church ordinances are: Water baptism and the Lord's table which are given to the local church. Some will use Paul as an example of not using a local church. But the student of the Word knows God called Paul and sent Paul out from his church (Acts 13:1-2).

III. The Authority Himself Greatest Example By The Saviour (Matthew 3:13-16)

Jesus aligned himself with the right _____ in his baptism (Malachi 3:1) He also aligned himself with the right _____ and the right _____. The message is that God's authority matters even if it is inconvenient (Jesus walked about 25 miles to Jordan).

III. The Membership Transfer By Letter of Recommendation (Romans 16:1-2)

I can not speak for another church only this local New Testament Baptist Church. Since the subject of this study addresses this church's requirements of those who seek membership by means of a letter of commendation and transfer from another church, the first consideration has to be: with what _____ of church will letters be exchanged? There are churches of all kinds in every geographical location.