

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

### Lesson #2 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 Baptist Church. The "independent" meaning autonomous in that this local church under the authority 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 operate or handle the business of the church. The "Baptist" in our name stands for: The Bible is our sole 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

#### **REVIEW FROM LESSON #1**

- I. The Great Commission Is Given to The \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 28:18-20)
- II. The Two Church Ordinances Are Given to The \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 28:19; I Cor 11:23-26)
- III. The Authority Himself Greatest Example By The \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 3:13-16)
- IV. The Membership Transfer By \_\_\_\_\_ of Recommendation (Rom 16:1-2; Acts 18:27)

#### **Turn to Mark 7:1-8**

Rocky Mountain Baptist Church is \_\_\_\_\_ to The Lord and committed to honor His Word! Hannah dedicated her unborn son to the LORD and she followed through! We need to do the same at RMBC! We need God's power in our lives and in our church. The only way to have GOD's blessings on us is to remain loyal to Him. God has allowed situations and circumstances in the past to test His servants and to show His \_\_\_\_\_ and deliverance.

#### **IV. The Membership Transfer By Letter of Recommendation (Rom 16:1-2; Acts 18:27)**

The question then comes up, what \_\_\_\_\_ of churches do we accept letters of commendation? We receive letters of commendation from churches of like faith and practice. Are these churches under the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Scriptures? Are they practicing and endeavoring to please the Lord? What is the church's reputation?

#### **V. The Membership Must Be Regenerated (I Corinthians 15:1-4; Ephesians 1:7; 2:1)**

Saved church membership is not popular among "Christian churches". We are different than most in this aspect.

#### **VI. The Act of Water Baptism Must Follow Salvation (Acts 8:30-38)**

What was the \_\_\_\_\_ and why? \_\_\_\_\_

We live in a time like the time of the judges in the Old Testament; “..every man did that which was right in his own eyes.” (Judges 17:6; 21:25) The nation descended into ungodliness and judgement! Where is America at? \_\_\_\_\_

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