



# Church Membership

THE FINER POINTS OF THE NT LOCAL CHURCH

# I. All the Wrong Reasons to Join

- A. You've found the "perfect" church. **(Eph 4:17-24)**
- B. You got into "trouble" at another church. **(Matt 5:23-26)**
- C. You are following a hero to that church. **(1Cor 1:10-13)**
- D. You think it will accomplish your salvation. **(Matt 13:36-43)**
- E. You're a consumer whose loyalty must be maintained.  
**(1Cor 2:1-5)**

## II. All the Right Reasons to Join

- A. Principle of NT Pattern (**Acts**)
- B. Principle of Mutual Ministry (**1Cor 12**)
- C. Principle of Spiritual Accountability (**1Cor 5/Matt 18**)
- D. Principle of Pastoral Responsibility (**Heb 13:17**)
- E. Principle of God's Glory (**1Tim 3:14**)



## DEFINITION

Church membership is a formal relationship between a church and a Christian characterized by the church's affirmation and oversight of a Christian's discipleship and the Christian's submission to living out his or her discipleship in the care of the church.

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