

## Is Church Membership Biblical?

1.	<p><b><u>1 Corinthians 1:9</u></b> God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.</p> <p><b><u>Acts 2:46-47</u></b> 46. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, 47. praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.</p> <p><b><u>Colossians 1:13</u></b> For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,</p> <p><b><u>2 Timothy 2:19</u></b> Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness."</p>
2.	<p><b><u>Luke 10:20</u></b> "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."</p> <p><b><u>Revelation 13:8</u></b> All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.</p>
4. ↓	<p><b><u>1 Thessalonians 1:1</u></b> Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.</p> <p><b><u>Romans 16:1-5</u></b> 1. I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea; 2. that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well. 3. Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, 4. who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles; 5. also greet the church that is in their house. Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first convert to Christ from Asia.</p>

↑ 4.	<p><b><u>Colossians 4:7-9</u></b></p> <p>7. As to all my affairs, Tychicus, our beloved brother and faithful servant and fellow bond-servant in the Lord, will bring you information.</p> <p>8. For I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts;</p> <p>9. and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of your number. They will inform you about the whole situation here.</p>
3)	<p><b><u>Hebrews 13:17</u></b></p> <p>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.</p> <p><b><u>1 Thessalonians 5:12-13</u></b></p> <p>12. But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction,</p> <p>13. and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.</p> <p><b><u>1 Timothy 5:17</u></b></p> <p>The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.</p>
4)	<p><b><u>Acts 20:28</u></b></p> <p>Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.</p> <p><b><u>1 Peter 5:2-3</u></b></p> <p>2. shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;</p> <p>3. nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.</p> <p><b><u>Hebrews 13:17</u></b></p> <p>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.</p>

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31**

12. For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.
13. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
14. For the body is not one member, but many.
15. If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body.
16. And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body.
17. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?
18. But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.
19. If they were all one member, where would the body be?
20. But now there are many members, but one body.
21. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."
22. On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary;
23. and those members of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable,
24. whereas our more presentable members have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked,
25. so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.
26. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.
27. Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.
28. And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.
29. All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they?
30. All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they?
31. But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way.

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